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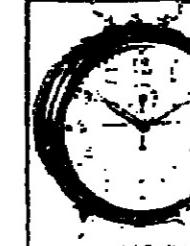
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Aquino's firm no to Filipino coalition

MANILA, March 29. (UPI): President Corazon Aquino today ruled out a coalition government with communist guerrillas unless they lay down their arms and win in an election.

The 160,000-member armed forces meanwhile, remained on red alert — the maximum state of readiness — for possible guerrilla attacks to mark the 20th founding anniversary today of the rebel New Peoples Army (NPA).

Aquino told reporters she will never agree to the "Nicaraguan-style coalition government" the guerrillas said they planned to establish.

"That cannot be. I have already said that time and time again. The only way they can do

Plane sighted

MANILA, March 29. (UPI): A Philippine Air Force plane that vanished today while on a flight to a disputed island in the South China Sea was found by a US Navy search aircraft floating in the water and officials said all 12 people aboard survived.

See plane found
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that is first of all to lay down their arms and take part in elections and it will be up to the people to choose their leaders," Aquino said.

Aquino said she was satisfied with the voter turnout on Tuesday in the polling for the 41,000 village councils, adding "people seem to be very enthusiastic."

A military report said rebels yesterday ambushed a police convoy in Patis town in the northern mountain province of Ifugao, sparking a gunbattle that left 17 guerrillas dead.

Yesterday's balloting marked the final phase of the return to full democracy since Aquino took power in a civilian-backed military revolt that drove 20-year ruler Ferdinand Marcos into exile in Hawaii.

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Alaknanda: 24°C 75°F
Kingsman: 13°C 55°F
Bhutan: 15°C 59°F
Kashmir: 15°C 59°F
Sea-surface temperatures expected:
Swat: 27°C 79°F
Jmand: 26°C 79°F
Alaknanda: 25°C 77°F
Sea-surface humidity recorded:
Swat: 76 per cent
Jmand: 60 per cent
Alaknanda: 65 per cent

Kuwait to receive Egyptian missiles

Israeli supremacy threatened

LONDON, March 29. (Agencies): Kuwait and Iran will soon receive new missiles amid reports that a missile race is under way in the Middle East that is eroding Israel's traditional aerial supremacy and "could dramatically change the balance of power" in the region.

Jane's Defence Weekly said in a report that Iraq, Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia have missiles that could reach Israel and "Libya is rushing to catch up, introducing even more unpredictable."

Arab states are pursuing billion-dollar arms programmes, with the stress on missile development. Jane's said.

Israel, the only Mideast nuclear power, has possibly 100 nuclear weapons, and its survival has always depended on Air Force supremacy, the respected military affairs weekly said.

But it added: "The acquisition by Iran and major Arab military powers of increasingly sophisticated missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads is eroding Israel's technical superiority, particularly its traditional supremacy in the air."

Kuwait's Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed announced today that Kuwait will soon take delivery of the first shipment of Egyptian anti-aircraft missiles under an arms deal.

"Kuwait will soon receive the first shipment of Amoun ground-to-air missiles from Egypt and the remainder will be received in batches in line with a specified timetable," he said.

Sheikh Nawaf, speaking at a military ceremony during the graduation of non-commissioned officers, gave no other details.

Sheikh Nawaf also disclosed that representations were underway in Kuwait to form a reserve brigade of conscripts to support the country's armed forces and boost its defence capabilities.

Kuwait has a military strength of around 20,000 men, with hardware that includes Soviet-built SA-6 and SA-7 surface-to-air missiles.

Meanwhile, China is to provide Iran with 40 new Silkworm missiles, a submarine and a reconnaissance satellite as part of a major new arms deal, a news paper reported today.

Quoting unnamed Eastern and Western military sources, the Arabic-language Abu Dhabi daily Al Ittihad said the latest deal also would include eight batteries of HQ-2 anti-aircraft missiles, the Chinese version of the Soviet SAM-2.

"A Chinese combat submarine will be delivered to Iran by the end of this year, and China will also build an Iranian satellite expected to be launched in early 1990s from a Chinese rocket," the paper said.

It said the satellite would be used for "communications and reconnaissance purposes."

It was the latest of several Iranian arms deals reported by the newspaper recently. On March 20, it quoted East European sources as saying Tehran had signed agreements with Czechoslovakia for 180 Soviet-type tanks, and with Romania for 300 armoured vehicles and tanks, 180 tank carriers, construction of a naval base and conversion of a tractor plant to build armoured vehicles.

The UAE on the other hand, is to bolster its Air Force with an undisclosed number of British Aerospace Hawk jets, the official WAM news agency has said.

The UAE already has 12 Hawk multi-role MK 63 fighter-trainers and eight MK 61 Hawk trainers, along with French-made Mirages and Italian Aeromacchis.

Diplomats said Khomeini has become increasingly alarmed at what he perceives to be a softening of his fiery brand of Islamic fundamentalism within the ruling political opponents.

They said Khomeini is determined to install a successor who will carry on his avowed policy of spreading the Iranian revolution

to other Muslim states.

"It's becoming increasingly clear that Khomeini himself ordered his successor to resign," one envoy said in a telephone interview.

"Khomeini has tried to reassert his position after what was to him the humiliating but necessary acceptance of ceasefire in the war with Iraq last summer," the envoy said.

The diplomat said it remained unclear who would succeed Montazeri, who earned Khomeini's wrath by attacking the achievements of the revolution and surrounding himself with "dissident elements."

"The future of Iran's theocratic state is at stake here," the diplomat said.

Attempts

Montazeri's attempts to stop what he referred to as "thousands of executions" in a few days were made in two letters to Khomeini dated July 4 and 31, 1988 and made public by the office of former Iranian President Aollah Banu Sadri, who lives in Paris.

In the July 31 letter, Montazeri told the Imam that zealots acting in his name were going too far with the execution of imprisoned political opponents.

They said Khomeini is determined to install a successor who will carry on his avowed policy of spreading the Iranian revolution

and minor offenders who were executed following your last order," he said.

Clear my father's name, son of Indira killer asks

NEW DELHI, March 29. (AP): A declassified government report proves a Sikh hanged for the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was innocent, his son said today after asking the supreme court to clear his father's name.

Besides asking the court to clear his father innocent, Rajinder Singh also is seeking

restitution of one million rupees

(\$66,000) from the government.

In a petition to the nation's highest court, Rajinder Singh said his father's guilt was "impossible to sustain" after the government released parts of the confidential report.

The government on Monday released two volumes of the four-volume report, suppressed for nearly three years on grounds of national security.

Rajinder Singh said the report had arrived at the conclusion

that the two assassins were "engaged by other important conspirators."

He said his father was a "humble clerk" in a government office and "had an impeccable record of a highly moral and law-abiding citizen."

"The hypothesis presented by the... report makes it impossible to conclude that (Kehar Singh) was a conspirator," the petition

said.

The commission, headed by supreme court Justice M.P. Thakkar, directly linked three people to Indira's assassination — the two known assassins and Dhawan.

One of the assassins was shot

and killed by other bodyguards.

The other was hanged with Kehar Singh.

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Arafat nominated President of Palestine

TUNIS, March 29. (Reuter): The PLO executive committee has nominated Yasser Arafat as President of the state of Palestine, a PLO spokesman said today.

The nomination will go to the vote in the PLO central council when it meets in Tunis on Friday.

Spokesman Ahmed Abderrahman said.

Abderrahman said that if the council approved

the decision, Arafat would remain President of Palestine until democratic elections could take place in the independent state declared at a meeting in Algiers last November.

An Irish schoolgirl, Sarah Neary, invited to meet

Arafat said today the encounter had convinced the PLO wanted peace. Picture shows Arafat embracing Sarah Neary (Reuter wirephoto)

the general set no deadline. He said: "The Syrian leadership is crazy. We shall complain to the UN Security Council and the Arab League about the new Syrian attacks."

Sporadic salvos fired from multi-barrelled rocket launchers thundered over the Lebanese capital all day, despite the truce Arafat proclaimed at midnight (2200 GMT Tuesday) in response to the Arab League appeal.

The firing intensified at nightfall. Arafat accused Syrian gunners of trying to destroy grain houses and fuel tanks at the Beirut port, which is controlled by his 9th Army Brigade.

The Mediterranean harbour was shrouded in black smoke by nightfall.

The US embassy said Ambassador John McCarthy's residence in the Christian suburb of Yarze was struck by a Syrian shell last night, damaging the living quarters, but causing no casualties.

An embassy spokeswoman said McCarthy was in the bomb shelter at the time. The residence lies midway between the Presidential Palace and the Defence Ministry.

A committee of Arab mediators met a number of Lebanese politicians in Tunis into the early hours of today and Arab League sources said they may send a peace mission to Beirut.

Kuwait flexible on output

OPEC seeking market stability

VIENNA, March 29. (Agencies): OPEC ministers seeking ways to strengthen the oil market opened talks today, a day after crude oil prices hit the OPEC target of \$18 a barrel.

Ministers on arrival said they would discuss current production and pricing levels and then turn to pricing and output levels for the second half of the year.

Kuwait Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa meanwhile, told reporters he was flexible on a call which he made in an interview with the Middle East Economic Survey newsletter for the OPEC output ceiling to rise to 20 million barrels daily in the second half of the year.

He said that was his present position, "but we are reasonable people. There is no position that cannot be changed...we have to decide on the basis of the figures." Other ministers appeared more cautious.

Ministers were upbeat as the average price of crude oil reached their goal of \$18 a barrel.

"This was our aim — to get to \$18," said OPEC President Rilwan Lukman, who is the Nigerian Oil Minister.

"We've done it," he said upon arriving last evening for the OPEC meeting.

"The market situation is OK, and we have got the price we expected from the market," said Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh.

Aqazadeh opposed any immediate rise in OPEC's target price of \$18 a barrel, which ministers say has now been attained in

the oil market.

The oil price in May was quoted around \$18.68 a barrel, nearly one dollar down on Monday's 17-month highs.

US oil prices plummeted by as much as 90 cents a barrel yesterday. West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark US crude for immediate delivery, went to 19.91 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"We must wait and see," said Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi, who also stressed the need for market stability, in harmony with former Gulf war for Iran.

Oil prices turned mixed in quiet trading today after sharp price swings earlier in the week, traders in London said.

Brent for lifting in May was quoted around \$18.68 a barrel.

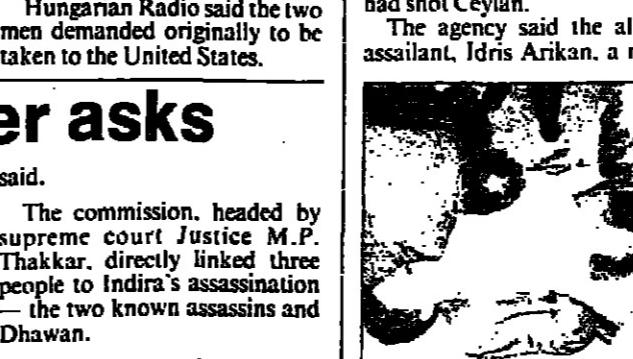
On many occasions one finds oneself suddenly speaking into a silent telephone instrument especially when speaking from Ministry of Communications telephones in the Shuwaikh area during the morning hours.

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Zahed Matar



Ceylan lies on the ground after being shot. (Reuter wirephoto)

One Turkish MP kills another in Parliament

ANKARA, March 29. (Agencies): An opposition deputy was shot dead by another deputy in Turkey's Parliament building today as political tension ran high after defeats for the ruling party in nation-wide local elections.

Kraus denied reports that the hijackers banded themselves over to US military authorities.

Frankfurt airport, continental Europe's busiest, shares runways with a US

INTERNATIONAL

Thousands battle Seoul riot police

Protesters demand reunification

SEOUL, March 29, (AP): Thousands of demonstrators shouting anti-government slogans battled riot police with firebombs and rocks today after rallies to support a dissident leader's visit to communist North Korea.

Hundreds of riot police tried to drive back the protesters in the southern cities of Taegu and Kwangju, where groups held rallies to express support for dissident Moon Ik-Hwan's visit to North Korea, police and witnesses said.

Kyemyong University in Taegu. About 2,000 protesters then attempted to march into the streets and clashed with riot police blocking the way, police said.

Police in Taegu and Kwangju said they had no immediate reports of arrests or serious injuries.

The South Korean government — charging that dissidents are trying to undermine its authority — has said Moon will be arrested when he returns. Moon went to North Korea to discuss reunification of the two countries.

About 5,000 students from 13 colleges gathered at Chonam University in Kwangju to denounce President Roh Tae-Woo's government and demand reunification, said Yonhap, the South Korean news agency.

Police opened fire with tear gas when the protesters attempted to march into the streets. "Reunification" and "Down with Roh Tae-Woo," the students shouted.

Another 5,000 students and workers attended a rally at

government official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Yonhap quoted an unidentified high government source as saying Roh was considering a cabinet reshuffle to hold security officials responsible for failing to stop Moon's visit.

Moon met with North Korean President Kim Il Sung on Monday in Pyongyang, North Korea's capital. Officials in Seoul say he will be charged with violating a South Korean law that forbids unauthorized contact with the North.

The protests came as South Korean government officials were reconsidering efforts to improve relations with the North. Officials have charged the North is trying to undermine the Seoul government by having independent contacts with South Korean dissidents.

Prime Minister Kang Young-Hoon and other government leaders met and agreed to take a "cautious stand" in future detente with North Korea, a

telephone from Barisal.

Roh's government has been trying to improve relations with the North to ease tension on the peninsula and broaden its trade with other communist nations.

Car bomb forces evacuation of thousands in Belfast

BELFAST, March 29, (Reuters): Irish nationalist guerrillas planted a powerful car bomb in Belfast's business district today, forcing thousands of workers to evacuate buildings while British troops defused the device.

Police said metal beer kegs containing 500 pounds (230 kg) of explosives were hidden inside a stolen car parked outside the government's motor tax office.

The Irish Republican Army, telephoned a warning to a Belfast radio station and said security forces had 15 minutes to neutralise

the bomb. The bomb was planted less than 24 hours after the confederation of British industries in Northern Ireland warned its members the IRA was planning attacks against commercial targets in the province.

Commercial activity in Belfast's business district was disrupted for about two hours before police gave workers the all-clear to return to their offices and shops.

Last year a spate of IRA bombings caused

millions of pounds of damage in the area. The bombs were planted in cars parked on narrow streets between office towers and business men said the explosions caused severe damage to sensitive computers.

In London, police hunting an IRA squad in mainland Britain said they had visited the local office of the Irish Times newspaper to investigate reports that guerrillas had used advertisements in its personal columns to keep in touch with leaders in Ireland.



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Three shot dead in central Sri Lanka

Tamil CM complains of inadequate powers

COLOMBO, March 29. (Agencies): The chief minister of the Tamil-dominated northeastern province yesterday accused Sri Lanka's federal government of being unco-operative and not granting him enough administrative powers.

Vartharaja Perumal, the top official of the northeastern province and a former rebel leader, said his local government had no control over education, administrative services, law and order and allotment and distribution of land.

The provincial government was set up under a July 1987 peace accord aimed at

ending a Tamil insurgency for a separate homeland.

The accord, signed by India and Sri Lanka, aimed to give limited autonomy to Tamils in exchange for their withdrawing the secessionist demand and laying down arms.

Perumal returned on Saturday from a trip to New Delhi, where he requested the intercession of Indian leaders.

"If the Sri Lankan government is not co-operating in the implementation of the provincial council and blocking every aspect, where else can I go to with the

difficulties we face," Perumal said in a statement in Colombo.

Perumal said in New Delhi that "the Tamils should not be made to go back to the bush. If a provincial council fails there will be no solution except a bloodbath."

Meanwhile, an Army deserter and two youths were shot dead in central Sri Lanka by an armed group calling themselves the "Black Cats," a senior police official said yesterday.

The official said the three men, members of the Sinhalese radical group Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna, had been responsi-

ble for cutting women's hair and shaving the heads of men in the area who had opposed their orders.

The slayings occurred on Monday night in the village of Poomawa, 22 miles (35 km) from the north-central provincial capital of Anuradhapura, the police source said.

He added that at least 100 persons were allegedly members of the Sinhalese extremist group have been killed by the so-called "Black Cats" in the past two months.

The "Black Cats" are a shadowy organisa-

tion and not much is known about them.

South African protest

7 seek refuge in UK, US missions

Thatcher sees a 'sea-change'

PRETORIA, March 29. (Reuters): Seven South African black activists, including one who escaped detention without trial, sought refuge in British and US diplomatic missions today.

Six former detainees, five men and a woman, entered the British embassy in Pretoria and demanded the lifting of government restrictions on all ex-prisoners, including themselves.

A seventh activist, Simon Ntombela, slipped away from police guards in a hospital in the port city of Durban and fled to the US consulate in Johannesburg, more than 500 km (300 miles) away, a consular official said.

The consulate was giving temporary refuge to Ntombela, who demanded his unconditional freedom, the official said.

"We are in touch with the South African government with a view to resolving this case as expeditiously as possible."

The six who entered the British embassy were told by diplomats that they should leave.

An embassy spokesman said Britain opposed detention without trial and the curbs placed on many detainees when they were freed.

"We however believe the visitors cannot stay indefinitely on British government premises and should leave," the spokesman said in a statement.

"We are nevertheless prepared to draw the attention of the South African government once again to the issue of restrictions, but we do not believe that the visitors' case is being furthered by their continued stay in the embassy," he added.

The six had earlier vowed to stay in the embassy until their demands were met.

South African activists have increasingly sought protection in foreign diplomatic missions and to publicise their protests particularly against arbitrary detention under 33-month-old emergency laws imposed to quell black protest.

Last week four activists escaped from custody and stayed in the West German embassy in Pretoria for 48 hours until the government promised they would not be re-arrested.

Last September three prominent anti-apartheid campaigners also in prison were held up in the US consulate in Johannesburg for five weeks before being allowed to go free.



Guatemala prison mutiny

An unidentified inmate is taken away by security personnel inside the maximum security prison of El Pavon in Guatemala.

Interior Minister Roberto Valle said that more than 500 women and children, taken hostage by prisoners during a failed mass escape on Easter Sunday that left seven people dead, wanted to stay with their inmate relatives to protect them from government reprisals. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Missing plane found at sea

MANILA, March 29. (AP): A military plane carrying 12 people was found floating at sea today more than eight hours after it was reported missing, officials said. All aboard were reported to have survived.

Philippine Air Force spokesman Col. Melchor Rosales said the nine passengers, including a brigadier-general, election officials and a television news crew and the plane's three crew members were found alive atop the aircraft.

"You son of a bitch," she screamed. "You kill him. I give you everything, Bastard, everything. I give you everything."

North's trial

WASHINGTON, March 29. (AP): Fear that US President Reagan would be impeached gripped his administration after Oliver North confirmed that money from the Iran arms sales had been diverted to the Nicaraguan Contras, says former Attorney General Edwin Meese III.

Testifying at North's trial, Meese agreed with defence lawyer Brendan Sullivan that the administration was worried disclosure of the diversion could cause "the toppling of the President himself."

Baby-eating charge

LUSAKA, March 29. (Reuters): Zambian police have arrested a man who they say axed a woman and killed, roasted and ate her four-month-old baby.

Lusaka newspapers quoted police in the northern town of Kasama as saying the man was arrested on Friday and had recently served a five-year prison sentence for murdering one of his own children and drinking its blood.

Menace of narcotics

ISLAMABAD, March 29. (KUNA): The government will seek the help of the Pakistani People's Party (PPP) in overcoming the growing menace of narcotics in the country, which has afflicted nearly 1.9 million people across Pakistan, according to Syed Muzaffar Shah, the minister of state for newly created ministry for narcotics control.

Clot dissolvers

NEW YORK, March 29. (Reuters): A widely accepted blood clot-dissolving drug is as effective in treating heart attack patients as a newer agent that has gained popularity but is far more expensive, according to a study published today.

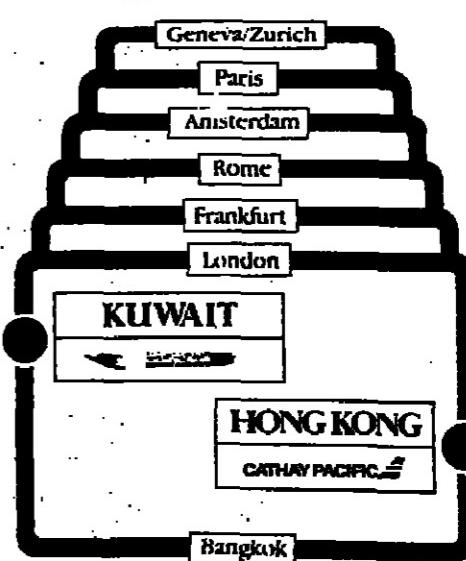
Rise in crime

BEIJING, March 29. (AP): China's leading law officials today portrayed the nation as beset by rising violent crime, rampant profiteering in scarce goods, official corruption and increased juvenile delinquency.

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AIDS protest

Hundreds of demonstrators marched on New York City hall yesterday, accusing officials of ignoring the AIDS crisis and demanding Mayor Edward Koch do more to help sufferers. More than three dozen protesters were arrested as they choked rush-hour traffic. Police dragged 39 of the demonstrators off the road and into waiting police vans and charged them with disorderly conduct.

Hospital births hazardous

Better have it at home

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 29. (Reuters) An international health official has warned doctors that hospital births endanger the health of mothers and babies.

Dr Marsden Wagner, European regional director of the World Health Organisation, told an international medical conference that hospital births risked lives because of impersonal procedures and over-use of technology and drugs.

"I am convinced the procedure of placing all newborn babies in one room was the biggest mistake of modern medicine," he told the five-day international congress on the psychology and medicine of birth.

His remarks drew applause from some of the doctors, midwives, social workers and childbirth educators at the congress. Others defended the sys-

tem.

"Technology is merely a tool whose worth depends on how it is used," countered Dr Ram Ishay, president of the Israel Medical Association.

"Usually its use is justified."

Wagner said a hospital nursery was a cradle of germs, separating babies from their mothers at the most sensitive point of their relationship. He said studies linked separation at birth to later child abuse.

Wagner criticised hospitals for routinely using medical procedures once reserved for only the most extreme cases.

"Ten out of every 1,000 babies in developed countries die. In an effort to save those 10 babies, we put 990 babies through procedures that profoundly disrupt the experience of birth," he said.

Scepticism over fusion success claim

LONDON, March 29. (Reuters) A British chemist who reported a breakthrough in the search for a cheap and unlimited source of energy said he was not surprised by scepticism about his nuclear fusion theory.

Last week Martin Fleischmann and American Stanley Pons said they had sustained a fusion reaction at room temperature with a simple electrochemical process rather than the

huge, costly machines normally used in fusion research.

Easy creation of nuclear fusion — the energy source of the sun — could offer cheap and unlimited energy.

Some experts have doubts and five scientists will try to repeat the experiment with one of the world's most sensitive neutron detector systems at the Harwell Laboratories in Berkshire.

southern England.

Fleischmann, 61, a professor at Southampton University, told reporters: "This is something so extraordinary that I think they are entirely justified in being sceptical."

Failure

A Dutch expert also expressed scepticism about hopes of a new era of cheap nuclear energy as a result of recent experiments

carried out by scientists in the United States.

The Plasma Physics Laboratory at the Dutch Foundation for the Fundamental Research of Matter failed to duplicate the results in repetitions of the experiment on Monday.

Tony Donne, scientific group leader of diagnostics at the laboratory, said Fleischmann and Pons might have advanced

the understanding of fusion but he doubted whether their find would soon usher in a new era of infinite cheap energy.

Meanwhile Salt Lake City Governor Norm Bangerter and leading lawmakers announced on Tuesday that the legislature will hold an emergency session to provide \$5 million to development of safe and inexpensive way of generating power through nuclear fusion.

Close races draw spotlight

Oscar fever grips Hollywood



Scenic artist John Beardsley puts the finishing touch on a three-story tall Oscar statue outside the Shrine Auditorium as part of final preparations for the 61st Academy Awards. (Reuters photo)

LOS ANGELES, March 29. (AP) Hollywood's brightest stars were trying hard to keep their cool amid the competitive atmosphere of tonight's 61st Academy Awards ceremonies.

The extravaganza takes place against a feverish backdrop of ticket scalping, thievery, political demonstrations and last-minute preparations.

Tickets for the ceremony were selling for more than \$2,000 and Oscar guards were looking for someone who stole 40 passes for the show.

Scores of fans who arrived early were eagerly awaiting the arrival of their favourite stars. Minutes after Oscar bleachers opened last night, dozens of spectators streamed in. Thousands were expected by the show's opening.

One early arrival, Samuel Scott of Los Angeles, said: "It's like a family get-together because each year you see the same people. ... you discuss different pictures that you've taken and what you've been up to. I don't get tired of it."

Predictions

Predictions for best picture, best actresses, best supporting actor and best supporting actress were cloudy.

Any variety of upsets were considered possible.

Only actor Dustin Hoffman and director Barry Levinson of *Rain Man* will enter the shrine auditorium as heavy favourites to win statuettes.

One of the evening's tightest races — for best supporting actress — will be decided the earliest when Melanie Griffith and Don Johnson present the

ceremony's first trophy.

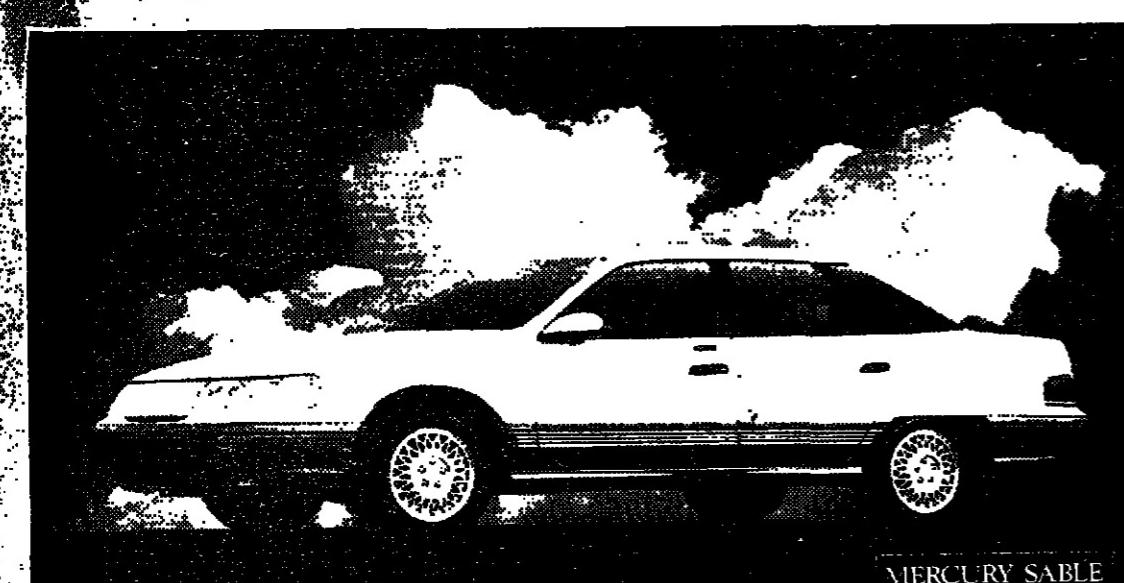
Leading contenders for the best supporting actress award are Frances McDormand for *Mississippi Burning* and Sigourney Weaver for *Working Girl*. Other nominees are Joan Cusack for *Working Girl*, Geena Davis for *The Accidental Tourist* and Michelle Pfeiffer for *Dangerous Liaisons*.

The fate of *Rain Man*, the road drama of autism and brotherly love that received the most nominations — nine, will become clearer when the original

score trophy is presented four awards later. If Hans Zimmer wins that prize, and the film claims the art direction Oscar three categories later, *Rain Man* likely will go on to dominate.

Yet *Rain Man* faces strong challenges from *Dangerous Liaisons*, the saga of sexual gamesmanship and deceit in pre-revolutionary France. The baseball film *Bull Durham*, the civil rights drama *Mississippi Burning*, Tom Hanks for *Big*, Edward James Olmos for *Stand and Deliver* and Max von Sydow for *Pelle the Conqueror*.

The major awards — best



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INTERNATIONAL

Deaths of chicken eggs raise life questions

SPACE CENTRE, Houston, March 29, (AP): The deaths of 16 chicken embryos during a space shuttle flight this month raise a question whether animal life can begin in weightless space, a physician-astronaut said.

Thirty-two chicken eggs were carried aboard Discovery, half of them fertilised nine days before the March 13 launch, the other half two days before liftoff.

Dr James Bagian, a member of the shuttle's five-man crew, told a news conference that when Discovery returned to earth, all 16 of the younger embryos were dead. The older ones all hatched, and the chicks are being examined for any effects from the five-day exposure to weightlessness.

Bagian said the chicken experiment and another in which he observed plant growth were designed to determine if cell division is somehow "impeded or mutated" to some extent due to lack of gravity.

Question
"There is a big question because the 2-day-old embryos died," he said. "Is there a certain point in the differentiation of cell types where they are vulnerable to the effects of the loss of gravity? Maybe gravity plays up to now an unknown role but a very essential role in the older ones, at nine days, are past that crucial gate, if you will, and they are developing normally."

The experiment may show life cannot "begin anew" in orbit. Bagian said, "You may have to supply a gravity environment for a period of time."

The research could have an impact on plants to grow plants and animals on lengthy space journeys, such as an expedition to Mars.

"What looked like a very simple experiment may turn out to have generated thousands of questions now instead of providing any answers to anything," said crewman, John Blaha.

During the mission, the astronauts deployed a tracking and data relay satellite to complete a three-satellite NASA communications network and photographed areas of the earth where the environment has been damaged by man or nature.

The astronauts photographed areas of fire and deforestation, river and volcanic pollution, sand, dust and other storm damage.

Stable radio contact lost with Mars probe

MOSCOW, March 29, (AP): The Tass news agency said Tuesday that the Soviets' mission control centre has lost stable radio contact with Phobos 2, the unmanned spacecraft sent more than eight months ago to orbit Mars.

A brief report by the Soviet news agency said: "In keeping with the mission's programme further operations involving the space probe Phobos were conducted on March 27. On commands from the on-board control system, the craft was turned to automatically take pictures of the Martian moon Phobos."

Man missing with \$33m International alert issued

SYDNEY, March 29, (AP): Police today said an international alert has been issued for the head of a national charity who vanished last week with \$33 million of the organisation's cash.

The case of John Friedrich, head of the National Safety Council, has caused a sensation in the Australian media. Reports have said Friedrich boasted of having no past and that he did not hold a passport, possess a social security number or appear on electoral roles.

Press accounts have suggested he had ties to foreign intelligence agencies, but Prime Minister Bob Hawke today said those were "fanciful claims." Federal police said Interpol, the Paris-based

international police network, was on the alert for Friedrich following reports that he was seen in West Germany and in Auckland, New Zealand.

"We've got no solid evidence as to whether he's alive or dead," or if he's in Australia or has fled the country," a police spokeswoman told the Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity. "He just vanished."

Liquidators, meanwhile, met with the NSC board in Melbourne and said the chances of it surviving another month were "negligible." The government has refused to bail it out of its 220-million-dollar (\$180-million) debt.

On the light side

Fight over underwear

BENTON, Illinois, March 29, (UPI): A 35-year-old man was charged in the shooting of another man outside a bar in an argument over what kind of underwear — if any — a woman playing pool in the bar had been wearing. Taatu Sau, 35, was listed in stable condition yesterday at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale. Sau was shot in the abdomen on Sunday and underwent surgery later in the day, a hospital official said.

Ringo Starr back at work

LONDON, March 29, (AP): Ringo Starr was back at work at Abbey Road studios yesterday for the first time since his treatment for alcohol abuse, and all he had to do was act naturally. The former Beatle recorded a new version of his 1965 hit, Act Naturally, with the man who wrote it — country singer Buck Owens. "Ringo looked terrifically healthy and well when he arrived at Abbey Road. He was bright-eyed and very entertaining all day," Owens said.

Star acquitted of tax charges

MADRID, March 29, (AP): Flamenco star Lola Flores has been acquitted of tax evasion charges. Handing the government a setback in its highly publicised campaign to crack down on tax evaders, court officials said. But they said the Madrid provincial court ruled Flores could still be subject to administrative sanctions for failing to file tax returns between 1982 and 1985. The prosecution had asked the court seek a total of 148 million pesetas (\$1.3 million) in back taxes and sentence her to up to two years in prison.

Rally to promote abortions

NEW YORK, March 29, (AP): Singer Judy Collins, actor Ed Asner and about 30 other abortion rights advocates staged a rally on the steps of a courthouse to promote an April 9 march in Washington. Francoise Jacobs, a spokeswoman for the National Organisation for Women, said the group wants to make the public aware that access to legal abortions saves women's lives.

Rapist strangled

NICOSIA, March 29, (AP): A West German woman was arrested after she strangled a Turkish Cypriot man who allegedly raped her daughter, police said.

A police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 48-year-old Hedwig Ute Loh told police she used her belt to strangle 20-year-old Ozmen Tulga after he raped her daughter Melani Loh, 20, in the northern Turkish sector of this eastern Mediterranean island.

The official quoted her as saying the incident occurred as she and her daughter were camping in a tent on a beach and that Tulga hit Melani on the head, knocking her out, before assaulting her.

Stable radio contact lost with Mars probe

"After these operations were completed, the information was to be sent back to earth. But mission control was unable to establish stable radio contact with the probe as scheduled."

"The possible causes of the loss of contact are being analysed and efforts are continuing to regain it."

Tass had announced on Jan 30 that Phobos II went into orbit around Mars on Jan 29 after a six-month, 111-million-mile (179 million-kilometre) voyage from earth and was conducting research into the planet's climate and soil.

Alaskans angry

Oil spill clean-up moving slowly

VALDEZ, Alaska, March 29, (Reuters): Alaskans are becoming angry at the slow pace of efforts to clean up a massive oil spill in Prince William Sound, one of the richest fisheries in the United States.

"We are faced with destruction of our entire way of life," John Devens, mayor of the southern oil terminus of Valdez, said yesterday.

Local residents and fishermen fear the oil spill, the worst in North America's history, could threaten their livelihood.

The tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on Friday spewing out 240,000 barrels of crude which has spread over an area of more than 100 square miles (260 square kms).

Alaska fishermen fear that the spill, now stretching in a band at least 40 miles (65 km) south from the grounded tanker, will cause permanent harm to the waterway's fish habitat.

Salmon

The world's largest salmon hatchery, built with money levied on the earnings of fishermen, lies at the northern end of the sound, and boat owner Ted Deiser said it will not be known for years how the spilled oil will affect the salmon population.

"My whole life is fishing," Deiser said. "How do you get an oil company to respond to what has happened? They respond to two things — profit and image."

Dozens of citizens have turned up at news conferences in this small south Alaska town which lies at the southern end of the trans-Alaska pipeline.

In a speech heard by Frank Iarossi, president of Exxon Shipping Co., the tanker's owner, Devens said the oil industry had generally been good to his town, but he was frustrated over the little progress in cleaning up the spill.

Pipeline

He said the oil industry had assured Alaskans that the pipeline could be built and oil shipped out of Prince William Sound without harming the environment. "Now we feel a little betrayed," he said.

Iarossi was heckled when he rose to speak. A member of the audience shouted, "You and your company are totally money-motivated."

Iarossi said Exxon would fulfil its pledge to clean up the spill and expected to have removed half of the remaining oil aboard the tanker by midday today.

According to the latest figures released by Exxon officials, only 3,500 barrels have been retrieved.

Hazard to shipping

North Sea wreck sunk

LONDON, March 29, (AP): The wreck of a North Sea oil and gas platform on which 167 men were killed when it blew up last year was towed to the seabed yesterday because it was a hazard to shipping.

Los Angeles-based Occidental Petroleum Corp., which owned the Piper Alpha platform, said three tugs and a barge were weakened by controlled explosions under water.

John Brading, the company's chairman in Britain, said there is now 250 feet (75 metres) of clear water above the wreck on the seabed, 110 miles (177 kilometres) east of Aberdeen on Scotland's east coast.

The July 6 blast was the world's worst oil platform at sea and was attributed by investigators to a leaking gas valve.

There were 62 survivors. Thirty-one of the victims were never found.

Key Soviet party leaders defeated

First polls in 70 years

MOSCOW, March 29, (Agencies): At least 37 key Communist Party and government leaders went down to embarrassing defeats in the Soviet Union's first real election, according to results trickling into Moscow from across the nation.

The losers in balloting for a new national parliament included a member of the ruling politburo, the premiers of Latvia and Lithuania, and 27 Communist Party leaders from major cities, regions and republics, according to results obtained from interviews and press reports.

The humiliation was greatest for officials who ran unopposed on the ballot and still lost because more than 50 per cent of the voters crossed out their names.

Activists in cities from Leningrad to Kiev waged "cross-out" campaigns, telling citizens to vote against certain officials by blacking out their names on the ballots.

Izvestia, the official government newspaper, reported last night that no one was elected in 168 electoral districts where there were only one or two candidates because so many citizens voted against them.

In the weeks prior to the election, activists carried posters in downtown Kiev illustrating ballots with several names crossed out. Ukrainian Communist Party chief Vladimir Shevchenko won anyway, but voters rejected both the party chief and the mayor of Kiev. All three ran unopposed.

In Leningrad, deputy mayor Alexei Bolshkov also lost despite facing no opposition.

The defeat of so many top Communists and government officials was seen as a blow to the establishment, but Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerashimov said that 80 per cent of the party's candidates had won.

Although those rejected for seats in the new Congress of People's Deputies retain their current positions, Gerashimov said local party organisations will examine the losses and decide their future.

"Maybe they were wrong for their posts," he said. "But maybe they failed to advertise their platforms. Every case should be taken separately."

Senior Soviet editors were summoned to a meeting with Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev today, apparently to hear his views on weekend elections.

No agenda was set for the meeting, at the offices of the party's central committee, but Soviet journalists said they had no doubt it would be devoted to the outcome of the elections, the first for seven decades to offer voters a choice.

"Somebody tried to deprive people of the right to choose," television commentator Vladimir Tikhomirov said.

Some 1,500 members to the 2,250-seat Congress of People's Deputies were to be elected from regional districts with the remaining third set aside for nominees from public organisations, including the Communist Party.



Surprise visit

President George Bush eats pizza in the cafeteria of James Madison High School in Vienna, Virginia. (Reuter wirephoto)

US, Japan fail to agree on FSX production

WASHINGTON, March 29, (UPI): The United States and Japan failed to resolve differences remaining on an agreement to jointly develop the new FSX fighter, the Japanese ambassador to the United States said yesterday.

Nobuo Matsunaga, after a 75-minute meeting with Secretary of State James Baker, told reporters at the State Department, "We reached no conclusions, but agreed to continue talking."

Asked if the chief Japanese negotiator, Vice-Minister Seiki Nishihiro, was returning to Tokyo, Matsunaga said, "Yes, he is going back." He did not say when Nishihiro would fly back to Japan.

A senior American official who participated in the talks with the Japanese said yesterday night: "The talks are continuing and we're continuing to work at it. There's still a ways to go."

Develop

President Bush pledged yesterday, "The United States will keep its word," to help Japan develop the new FSX fighter and insisted the concessions he has demanded are merely intended to clarify the agreement.

"It's going back and forth a little bit," Bush told reporters during a brief question-and-answer session in the Oval office. "but all I want to know is that the agreement is clear. No point in having an unclear agreement."

US air command grounds its fleet of B1-B bombers

WASHINGTON, March 29, (UPI): Authorities, citing reports of a planned armed uprising by Albanian separatists, sent police reinforcements to the southern province of Kosovo in a bid to end rioting that has left at least 21 people dead.

About 500 ethnic Albanians stormed a police station yesterday in the town of Zur, near the Yugoslav-Albanian border, and were driven back by gunfire, killing a teenager.

In Belgrade, federal authorities said a total 21 people — two police officers and 19 demonstrators — were killed since the unrest turned violent on Monday. In addition, 25 police officers and at least 49 protesters were wounded in the worst ethnic violence since 1981.

Constitutional amendments adopted last week by the Kosovar legislature relinquished local control of police, courts and defence matters to the Yugoslav Republic of Serbia, which encompasses Kosovo and the autonomous province of Vojvodina.

The death toll in ethnic riots rose to 29 today when eight ethnic Albanians died of injuries in hospitals in Kosovo, officials said.

"The stand-down is not affected by this

skin and ruptured control and fuel lines, and third unexplained crash occurred on Nov 8 1988, at Dyess Air Force base near Abilene, Texas.

Coincidentally, Howard said it was a Dyess where the B-1B was damaged during preflight check.

"The stand-down is a result of a puncture in the fuselage fuel cell which occurred during a routine air crew preflight check at Dyess (Monday)," Howard said.

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ROPME anti-pollution protocol signed

Mine clearing talks to be held today

KUWAIT, March 29, (Reuters): Both foes Iran and Iraq joined forces today to combat pollution in the Gulf, capping years of talks that continued through their eight-year-long war.

They also agreed to hold further talks with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain tomorrow to tackle the issue of clearing an estimated 200 sea mines still littering the Gulf.

Iran and Iraq are among eight countries sharing the Gulf coastline which signed a protocol setting out measures to control pollution from offshore gas and oil exploitation.

Forum

All are members of the Regional Organisation for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME).

"For several years, this was the only forum where Iran and Iraq would meet at ministerial level," said one Arab delegate attending the talks in Kuwait.

"They were not even meeting

at the United Nations."

Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Hadi Manafi and Iraqi Health Minister Abdul Salam Mohammed Said joined officials from Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates at the signing ceremony today.

Provisions

ROPME was formed in 1978, before the outbreak of the Gulf war in which a ceasefire has been in force since last August.

Among the protocol's provisions are that environmental assessments be made for new offshore operations and contingency plans drawn up for emergencies. It also sets limits on oil and sewage discharge and bans the dumping of plastics and garbage.

Land-based sources

It makes no allowances however for co-operation between countries in the event of a spill.

One delegate said ROPME would now try to draw up another agreement to prevent pollution of the sea from land-based sources such as sewage dumping, air emissions and increased water temperatures caused by the region's many desalination plants.

"This one will be much trickier," he said. "But one thing ROPME has going for it is that it is one of the richest environmental organisations in the world."

**Air defence exercises concluded**

Air Force officers installing a missile launcher at the conclusion yesterday of the four day annual exercises of the Air Defence Brigade. Air Force fighter jets and ammunition were used in the exercise known as Burqan II. Director of the training department Col. Rashed Saif attended part of the exercises.

Exorbitant airport costs**Landing charges to be reviewed**

IN view of the exorbitant rise in construction costs of Kuwait's International Airport, landing fees will have to be reviewed, according to a senior airport official.

In an interview with a local daily, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah, director-general for civil aviation said that according to operating policies at international airports, amounts spent on the construction of airports are reimbursable.

He added that the review is not aimed at increasing the financial burdens of airlines, which might lead to an increase in airfares creating a burden on passengers. He stressed the importance of realising a balance between the interest of airlines and that of the public.

Speaking on airport security, Sheikh Jaber said that Kuwait was a signatory to several international pacts including the Tokyo International Pact in 1963, the Hague Accords in 1970, the Montreal Agreement in 1971 and its complement protocol in 1988.

He went on to state that other measures to enhance security are being planned in Kuwait. He called on passengers and airlines to co-operate with governmental authorities in this respect.

The current situation in the aviation market is neither favourable to airline companies nor to travellers, he said. Agreed fares should not be undercut to prevent the directorate from applying the law No. 31/1987 related to illegal practices in this respect, Sheikh Jaber said.

New timings from April 1 at post offices

THE postal department at the Ministry of Communications has said that beginning April 1, 1989 business hours at postal stations and post offices will be as follows:

Administrative sections, parcel post delivery office-Kaifan and parcel section — Ahmadi will remain open from 7.00 am to 1.00 pm Sat-Wed and from 7.00 am - 11.00 am on Thursdays; Fridays closed.

Ahmad post office: Sat-Wed: 7.00 am to 7.00 pm, Thursdays 7.00 am 3.00 pm. Friday closed.

Zour, Shuaiba, Nuwaiseeb and Wafra post offices: Sat-Wed: 7.30 am 2.30 pm. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mail sorting centre, GPO, Safat Post office, Mumtazpost section and transport section will remain open from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm Sat-Thursday and from 8.00 am - 10.00 am on Fridays.

Salmiya GPO, Jahra GPO,

Hawalli and Fahabeel GPO: from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm Sat-Thurs; Friday closed.

Surface mail exchange office: Sat-Thurs: 7.00 am to 1.00 pm and on Fridays 8.00 am to 10.00 am.

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International Airport terminal II: open day and night. All other post offices: Sat-Wed: 8.00 am to 2.00 pm. Thursdays: 8.00 am to 12.00 noon. Fridays closed.

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Over 100 persons donate blood daily**Kuwait's blood bank self-sufficient**

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff



Abdul Aziz Al Bashir

KUWAIT's blood bank adopted the policy of self-sufficiency in 1968 and has since provided Kuwait and Arab countries with thousand pints of various blood groups. The institution also helps in solving other problems related to blood transfusion, according to Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Bashir, director of blood transfusion administration in Kuwait.

Dr. Bashir, who is also chairman of the Arab Scientific Authority for Blood Transfusion, told the Arab Times that daily blood donations range between 100 to 200.

Disease free

Donors are medically examined to ensure that they are free of contagious diseases such as diabetes, hepatitis, venereal diseases and heart problems. The official said that the bank also runs Elasias tests to detect the AIDS virus. He added that two cases of AIDS were discovered by the blood bank in 1985 and 1987 — both non-Kuwaitis who have since left the country.

The mass media has been used to obtain the co-operation of the

public and to increase the number of donors, Dr. Bashir said. The blood bank keeps a reference file for each donor, based on a comprehensive survey of their general health and serum conditions.

He added that the blood bank produces the following substances: whole blood, plasma cells, palestine-rich plasma, washed red cells, free-washed red cells, frozen fresh plasma, platelet concentrate and others.

Human error responsible for 90 per cent of all car crashes

A SYMPOSIUM on "Car and Road Safety" was opened yesterday, under the patronage of Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah, Minister of the Interior, who deputised Brigadier Fouad Mussa Al Saleh, the director-general of the Traffic Department, to attend on his behalf.

Professor Dr Dieter Dieckmann, a world renowned specialist from Germany invited by Al-Bisher & Al-Kazemi, who organised the symposium on the occasion of their "Four Dimensions of Safety" exhibition, gave a comprehensive lecture on "Car and Road Safety."

Views

The symposium provided an excellent opportunity for leading experts on traffic management in Kuwait to share their views and experiences regarding road and vehicle safety and ways to improve awareness for safety among motorists.

Addressing the gathering Prof Dieckmann provided a rare insight on the relationship between the human being, the vehicle and the road. He discussed the subject in detail and said that "anybody driving along a road is under a certain tension."

He described active safety as "all those measures which serve to prevent the occurrence of an accident including easy handling good concerning ability and good braking capacity."

He stressed: "The stress relieving safety covers favourable vibration characteristics of the vehicle, low noise levels, good air-conditioning and good visual and operational quality."

Prof Dieckmann also explained the effect of noise, vibration and other factors on the passenger in the vehicle. He added that vision — seeing clearly — is the major prerequisite for driving and good vision, he said, increases safety.

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Hoax bomb call
Boeing 727 lands in Kuwait

By a staff reporter

A KAC Boeing 727 chartered to Emirates Airlines on a scheduled flight from Amman to Dubai made an emergency landing at Kuwait International Airport Tuesday night with 129 passengers and crew on board.

According to sources, 20 minutes after take-off from Amman the captain received a radio message from the Amman control tower cautioning him about the possibility of a bomb on board.

The aircraft tried to land at Saudi Arabia's Rafha airport, but aborted the attempt as the airport was too small and visibility was poor. The plane left for Dubai at 1.00 am.

Investigations into a "hoax call" which triggered the alert are now in progress.

BAHRAIN DIGEST**Commercial registration by post**

COMMERCIAL firms in Bahrain may be able to renew their commercial registration by paying fees through banks from the start of next year in a bid to streamline procedures and reduce paperwork and time.

At the beginning of this year the Directorate of Commerce and Company Affairs introduced a measure allowing payment and renewal to be made by post. New registrations however must be made directly at the directorate.

Another significant change was made in the billing system. In addition to individual invoices for each branch, the businesses were sent a statement of account totalling up the amount they had to pay.

Dr Abdulla Mansour, Director of Commerce and Company Affairs said eventually the directorate will ask for only the statement of account and substitute individual bills with some sort of certification which can be displayed.

The directorate launched the renewal of fees by post scheme this year to make it easier for traders and reduce time spent on the work.

But the director said the postal scheme did not come up to expectations.

Gulf Schools Festival from May 15

THE FIRST GULF SCHOOLS FESTIVAL being organised by United Schools International Arab Regional Office will take place from May 15-18. The festival was originally planned for January this year but was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

The festival is a pioneering venture to assemble teachers and students from all over the Gulf in Bahrain for a four-day cultural festival and brain-storming sessions. The latter will evolve ways to enrich the cultural milieu of the Gulf countries through concerted efforts of schools. Participants will form two commissions. One will discuss the problems of students arriving or departing on parents' transfer to or from the Gulf.

According to Jyoti Jain, secretary-general of USI Arab Regional Offices, new students face a whole lot of problems in schools. It is an area where much thought could be devoted to facilitate their initiation and settlement.

The festival programme will consist of competitions in solo and group dances, one-act plays, English declamation contest and pairing on the spot. Each contest will have divisions in age: 9-12 and 13-16.

Health official calls for increased funding in anti-smoking campaign

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah will patronise World Health Day, scheduled for April 5.

Speaking at a press conference held to discuss Kuwait's Health Week festivities, Dr Hussein Al Momen said October 28 has been selected as a day of abstinence from smoking by the GCC

member states.

The decision to increase the customs tariff on cigarettes is to be supported and the public media should actively highlight the ill-effects of smoking and increase public awareness on cultivating an aversion to smoking, Momen said.

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programmes as a way of counteracting the propaganda of tobacco manufacturers, and call for an increase in the financial allocation to fund anti-smoking campaigns.

Momen lauded the effects exerted by the Anti-Smoking Society to combat the increase in the number of smokers and stressed the need for concentrated

planned will be implemented on a nation-wide scale with special lectures on topics of health, Momen said.

The health awareness division has published special flyers, manuals and posters to be distributed on the occasion, and contests on general health education will be held. Momen concluded:

UK, Gulf to combat drugs and terrorism**Hurd to arrive in Kuwait, Friday**

NICOSIA, March 29, (Reuters): British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd in Oman today discussed co-operation with Gulf Arab states in the war against terrorism and drugs, a British embassy official said.

"His talks (in the Gulf) will focus on co-operation and exchange of information in the field of drugs and terrorism," the Muscat-based diplomat said by telephone.

Action

Hurd, on a Gulf tour, arrived in Oman from Bahrain yesterday night and is expected to meet Sultan Qaboos Bin Said before he flies to Kuwait on Friday.

In Bahrain, Hurd called for international action to seize the assets of drug smugglers.

He said he hoped the states he

was visiting would sign agreements with Britain on confiscating drug assets and would ratify the latest UN convention on the drug trade.

Penalty

Hurd will visit Saudi Arabia which in 1987 introduced the death penalty for convicted traffickers.

Officials say drug trafficking dropped in the kingdom by 40 per cent after several smugglers were headed in public.

Hurd told reporters in Bahrain he had also discussed with officials there ways of preventing terrorism through additional training of police and security personnel and rapid exchange of information.

"The more I study the inter-

national drug trade, the clearer I become that international action is an essential part of the answer ... and that includes action to confiscate the assets of the traffickers," he told reporters in Bahrain.

"Obviously a man hopes he will not be caught -- but if he is caught, he hopes that the money he has made will be safe, either for himself or his wife and children," he said.

Hurd arrived in Bahrain on Monday at the start of a Gulf tour aimed at seeking Arab support in the war against drug smuggling and terrorism.

Hurd met Bahrain's Amir Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa and Crown Prince Sheikh Hamed Bin Isa Al Khalifa during his two-day visit.

70 per cent of stage one complete

Farwaniya telephone project to introduce 10,000 lines

THE second stage of the telephone network development project in Farwaniya will introduce 10,000 new lines, according to Faisal Al Omar, director of the Telephone Network Maintenance and Installation Department at the Ministry of Communications.

He added that stage one of this project is devoted to the relocation of subscribers' lines from Farwaniya to the Jeeb Al Shiyukh exchange office and is intended to reduce pressure on the former. About 70 per cent of this job has been completed.

Maintenance

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE worst vice of a fanatic is his sincerity — Oscar Wilde, Irish-born writer (1854-1900).

OPINION

Breathe new life into stock market

WHEN prices of US shares dropped sharply in what has come to be known as Black Monday, quick remedial actions were taken.

One such action was the suspension of some dealings such as selling without the presence of the shareholder. All such actions were aimed at improving the stock market.

There are many beneficial pointers the Kuwait Stock Market could take from the world stock markets to improve local share prices which are retreating daily.

What would be the harm if the government perused some of the salient points from the experience of world stock markets and adopted them to improve local overall stock performances?

We say this because a point of exhaustion has been reached due to various contradictory policies issued by various ministries.

Why cannot the stock market have an independent authority to run it and be directly under the supervision of the prime minister or even under the highest authority in the country?

Instead of incorporating the cream of concepts from other world stock markets which contribute to improving the functioning and performance of their own stocks, we in this country — after the Manakh crisis on the so-called stock market crash issued laws tainted with doubt and suspicion. The law treats anyone investing in the stock market as if he were a thief.

The end result is that we have a rigid law for which we do not know who is to be held accountable. Perhaps the law was made to fit a certain period in time under specific circumstances — it is not suitable at present.

Let us only say that the law needs to be improved in a manner that ultimately will improve the performance of the stock market.

Let us present the following ideas and questions to the government:

- Why does the government not allow private investment funds without the involvement of the government?
- Why can we not have many more savings funds in the stock market as in other world stock markets?
- Why does the government allow banks and companies to increase their capital by issuing new shares? Why do such companies not distribute the 10 per cent of the shares purchased from the stock markets to their shareholders and then buy afresh to increase the demand of shares, instead of distributing cash?
- Why does the government continue to sell shares through its funds at a time when prices of shares are dropping?

It is vital that the government study these suggestions to determine how they could improve the performance and functioning of the Kuwait Stock Market.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Confronting Zionists

Heroic Land Day

KUWAIT, (KUNA): The Arab people celebrate the 13th Land Day anniversary on March 30.

The Land Day represents the courageous confrontation of the Zionist plans, by the people of Galilee in 1976, aiming at the seizure of more Arab territories to erect Israeli settlements and dispossess original Palestinian citizens living there since 1948.

The unequal confrontation between the unarmed Palestinians and the joint force of the Israeli armed occupation troops and settlers, resulted in the martyrdom of six Palestinian youths, the injury of at least 50 and the detention of 300 others.

In fact, this was in line with the original Zionist plan for usurping the Arab territories and uprooting the Palestinian citizens from their homeland in a bid to attract Jews in diaspora and establish "Israel" from the Nile to the Euphrates.

Galilee was the main target because it included 70 per cent of the total Palestinians according to the 1973 census, included in an Israeli report on developing the Galilee area of 1.5 million dunums.

The so-called 1976 Galilee development plan included two phases to be implemented by 1980 and 1990.

Ultimately Galilee would be transformed into an Israeli-majority resided area and an economic base. This would be eased up by establishing eight industrial villages, through the confiscation of at least 20,000 dunums of the Arab-owned territories.

The Palestinians of Galilee numbering 412,000 with an annual growth rate of 4.1 compared to 1.7-2.6 per cent for Israelis, responded by rejecting the Judaisation of their territories and staged a general strike on March 30, 1976.

In principle and since inception of Arab territories. The struggle hinged on impeding Zionist settlers from residing on the pretext of establishing their national homeland over the Arab-Palestinian soil.

The Zionist plans to seize the Palestinian and Arab territories reached climax by the 1976 Israeli aggression.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1603 — Earl of Tyrone, Irish rebel, submits to Lord Mountjoy at Mellifont.

1772 — Robert Clive defends his administration of Bengal in India at hearing in England's House of Commons.

1806 — Joseph Bonaparte becomes king of Naples.

1820 — Due de Richelieu re-establishes censorship of French press.

1842 — Ether reputedly is used as anaesthetic for first time — by Dr Crawford Long in United States.

1855 — Treaty of Peshawar, whereby Britain and Afghanistan form alliance against Persia; End of Taiping rebellion in China.

1863 — Denmark incorporates Schleswig; Poland is divided into provinces by Russia.

1885 — Russian occupation of Penjdeh, Afghanistan, provokes crisis in Anglo-Russian relations.

1905 — Greeks in Crete revolt against Turkish rule.

1912 — Sultan of Morocco signs treaty making Morocco a French protectorate.

1933 — James B.M. Hertzog forms national coalition in South Africa and is joined by Jan C. Smuts.

1940 — Japan establishes puppet government in occupied China.

1967 — North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) formally closes its military headquarters in France.

1974 — Chinese jetliner arrives in New York in what is described as first civilian flight from Chinese mainland to United States.

1988 — Sikh militants kill 15 people on overnight attacks in northern Indian state of Punjab.

To be a child in Afghanistan is not easy

Blazing light descends from sky

By Earleen Fisher

KABUL, (AP): Aminullah was playing near the airport when a blazing point of light descended from the sky and burned his face, arms and legs.

The device doctors say will leave Aminullah scarred for life was one of the thousands of flares unleashed daily by airplanes over Kabul to deflect the heat-seeking missiles fired by anti-communist guerrillas.

The flares, which arc out of the sky trailing a plume of white smoke, are a common sight — as much a part of the Kabul panorama as the snow-capped mountains surrounding the city of mud-brick houses and open sewers.

But they are still a mystery to Aminullah and his mother, Gul Banu, a widow with three other children.

"There is no special warning programme about the flares," said Dr Lal Mohammad, who attends burn victims at the Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital. "We tell the women who bring their children here to spread the word to the others."

He said as many as six children are admitted each week to the Gandhi Hospital with severe burns caused by the flares that are fired or dropped by Afghan military and civilian planes and Soviet cargo planes. No statistics are available on the total number of flare victims in the Kabul area.

Aminullah, who like many Afghans does not use a family name, sat on a table in the burn ward, his arms held stiffly in front of him as doctors applied solutions.

The top half of his face, from the scalp to the bridge of his nose, was a brown crust with glistening red cracks. Burned tissue had been removed from his cheek and chin, which were a translucent pink.

He cried as a doctor snipped at flaps of dangling burn tissue.

Eight other children in the room had similar burns and were varying states of recovery.

Mohammad said most of the flare victims suffered second-degree burns and their wounds usually were not life-threatening.

But to be a child in Afghanistan is not easy, even in peacetime.

According to the United Nations Children's Fund, 30 per cent of all children born in the country die before the age of five. Diseases claim most of the youngsters.

In 1960, when there was relative peace in this nation of constant political and tribal feuds, harsh winters and 75 per cent illiteracy, the child mortality rate was 38 per cent.

Government-operated television shows the children of war almost every night as it denounces the US-backed guerrillas who are fighting to overthrow the Marxist government of President Najibullah.

The decade-old war has claimed an estimated one million lives from the pre-war population of 15 million.

The government seldom fails to say that victims of a guerrilla attack "included many women and children."

On Sunday, the government said the guerrillas had rocketed a bus on the Jalalabad-Kabul highway, killing all the passengers "including women and children." No death toll was given but Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani said the bus was carrying at least 22 people.

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SO many readers ask, "What do people in Washington do all day long?" Believe it or not, we are no different from super achievers in other parts of the country.

Most of the time we make telephone calls, leave messages and then wait for someone to return them. We measure our importance by how long it takes for a person to get back to us.

Because of this, many Washingtonians have become experts on the smoke-screen messages the secretaries are sending out to us when we call.

Here's one that is heard frequently: I phone and give my name. There is a pause of about 45 seconds, I am put on hold, and then the secretary returns and says, "He's not at his desk right now."

This makes me wonder, "How far is her desk from the boss' desk for the secretary to take 45 seconds to discover he is not there?" Once in a while, when I lose my temper, I say, "Well, if he's not at his desk, would you look and see if he is hanging outside the window?"

Many of the people I telephone are "in a meeting." Sometimes I

The Art Buchwald Column

He's out to lunch

want to know what kind of meeting. I ask, "Is it a Cabinet meeting, an executive meeting or a bowling team meeting?"

"What difference does it make?"

"I'd like to speak to him and the only meeting I won't interrupt is the one with the bowling team."

The excuse that always bothers me is, "Mr Dominick is tied up at the moment." An image immediately comes to mind of Dominick tied to a chair with a gag over his mouth, listening to an IBM saleswoman trying to convince him to buy a new fax machine.

Another notorious excuse for not talking to me is, "Mr Califano is out to lunch." What's wrong with this message is that my call is at 9:30 in the morning. So I ask the secretary to have him get back to me before dinner as I have a 2 o'clock dental appointment.

I have a terrible problem about being rejected on the phone. My fears run amok

when I call someone and he won't talk to me, although I am certain that he's there. In my mind I not only see him shaking his head at his secretary, indicating "no, no," but I also see his face breaking into a wide grin while he is doing it.

As the day goes on I keep imagining a large pile of pink slips on Califano's desk, and the one with my name on it is at the bottom. The worst part is that if I have to wait more than few hours for the call to be returned, I usually forget what I telephoned about in the first place.

The most painful blow of all is when one's children don't call back.

You leave a message on your daughter's answering machine and days go by, maybe weeks, until she telephones.

"Why didn't you get back to me?" I ask.

"I only listened to my messages this morning."

"Suppose it had been important?"

"Why are you calling if it

isn't important?"

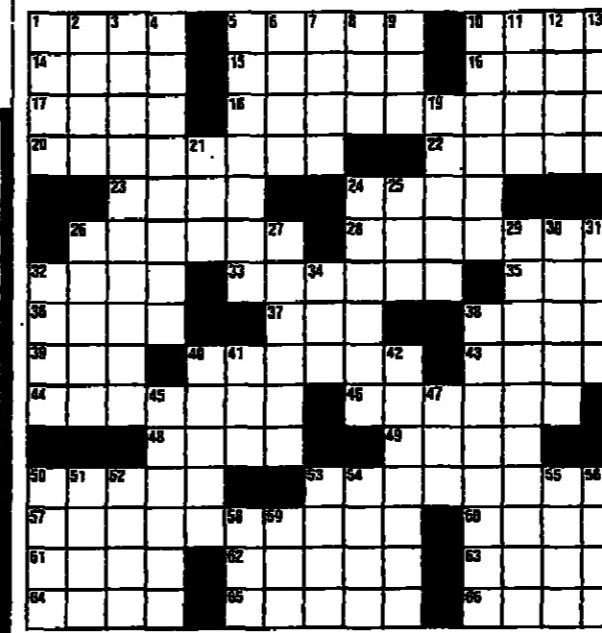
In Washington, our livelihoods and our self-respect are hooked up to the phone. It is an instrument that can neither bring much happiness or a destroy a fragile ego overnight.

The only way to avoid letting the telephone call get you down is to make a game of it. I keep score. If someone calls me back within the hour, 3 points. If a person doesn't return my call within 24 hours, I deduct 15 points. At the end of the day I add it all up. If I have accumulated more points than I have lost, I figure I'm still someone in Washington who has to be reckoned with.

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Bureaucracy, with "red"
- 5 Dads
- 10 Church recess
- 14 Composer Khachaturian
- 15 Fine-feathered bird
- 16 Earth
- 17 California wine-growing valley
- 18 Computers of a kind
- 20 Shorthand notebook
- 22 Oklahoma oil center
- 23 Unusual
- 24 Basic unit of matter
- 25 Thespians
- 28 Ecclesiastical cap
- 32 Goal of 26 Across
- 33 Hughes' — Goose
- 35 Positive word
- 36 Part of the eye
- 37 Musical syllables
- 38 Oil cartel
- 39 Weather norms: Abbr.
- 40 Showered
- 43 I came to Caesar
- 44 Part of EST
- 45 Stitches again
- 48 Encourage
- 49 Alask., once
- 50 Lyre-playing Muse
- 53 Letter patterns
- 57 Communication devices
- 60 Sleep like —
- 61 Rara avis
- 62 At an incline
- 63 Evening, in Venice
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- 32 Levitate
- 33 Took flight
- 38 Cloudy
- 40 Jazz form
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
YOUNG BUT NOT SO INNOCENT

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH	K 7 4
	Q J 9 4
	9 3
	8 6 5 3
WEST	10 8
	A 10 7 6
	J 8 4
	K 9 2
EAST	Q J
	K 8 5 3 2
	Q 6 5
	Q 10 4
SOUTH	A 9 6 5 3 2
	Void
	A K 10 7 2
	A 7

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♡ Pass
4 ♥ Pass 4 ♣ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Four of ♦

Don't judge a book by its cover, or a bridge player by age or sex. A former U.S. internationalist learned that lesson the hard way on this deal from a pairs tournament.

South's jump to four hearts showed the values for a spade game with shortness in hearts. That killed North's hand right there, so he signed off in four spades. Note that a slam, which depends on even breaks in both pointed suits (spades and diamonds), would be a heavy odds-against proposition.

Declarer was an attractive young lady. Afraid from the bidding that a

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

FILIE	OLGA	AJAR
ELAIN	RAISE	ROSA
ALIT	ATLAS	CHIC
TAKE	A CHANCE	NAY
STARTLE	OPEN	ERE
SNIDE	FACT	ANEW
MONE	EARNEST	CIA
OLAE	VOID	AGENT
GATELEG	APE	REAR
IDAA	SEN	DUELIST
BONO	LETNO	TORE
INCA	LATER	INON
SEER	RONA	NEDS



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

THE WIZARD OF ID



By Johnny Hart

B.C.



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

This is going to be an interesting day for you. But do not allow your mind to wander. A seemingly easy problem will not be as simple as it appears at first. Have more faith in yourself. Be consistent.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

The Moon's influence will make it easier for you to decide on what to do in the circumstances. You are liable to dwell too much on the past. You should try not to get things out of proportion. Be reliable.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

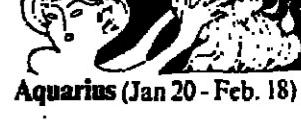
You must beware of losing interest in something that cannot yet be abandoned. You will be able to increase your prestige. Make sure you take all factors fully into account. Be patient.

You will be able to make good progress with a project which means a lot to you. You should watch out for low quality. Show yourself to be a little more forthcoming and pliable. Be candid.



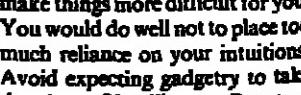
Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Everything will take just a little longer than you hoped it would. Others will not be as well disposed towards you as you would prefer. The Moon's less favourable influence will tend to make it harder for you to concentrate. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will not be as energetic as you would wish to be. You should do all you can to maintain harmony with those around you. There is nothing to stop you from holding your head high. Be tactful.



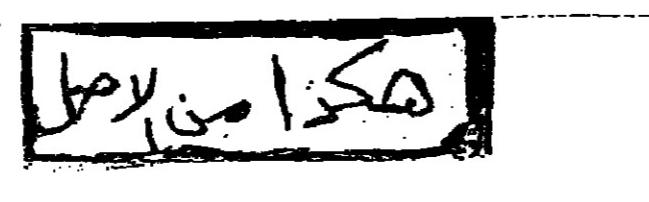
Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will have to be on your guard against those who try to make things more difficult for you. You would do well not to place too much reliance on your intuitions. Avoid expecting gadgetry to take the place of intelligence. Be attentive.

ANDY CAPP



By Smith



ENTERTAINMENT

A mixed bag of characters coming your way

Old familiar faces in a new get-up

By Firoze Rangoonwala

NEW bunch of characters will soon be presented on the Hindi screen. Some have been written and conceived in an unusual form, while others aroused that his characters are portrayed by popular stars. Since some are quite realistic and rooted to the through declared environment but others are meant as with the features of fantasy. And there are at the root of some which are both realistic and funny.

Ilaaka, presented by veteran Dulari Bala, with a new director Azz Sejalal, has a peculiar "flavour of the earth" in the jackal background. The title refers to a huge area Purni basti which is almost

She then left the board room, and the jackal who had brought up a boy (Mithun).

Mithun who is called Raja in the Basti had a dream of getting an education. But this was shattered in childhood and he grew up instead to be a brewer and seller of illicit liquor.

His female counterpart is a petty shopkeeper (Madhuri), also a child of the jums. On the other side of the fence are the police and politicians, both good as well as bad.

The young man to match Raja is Suraj (Sunay Dutt), whose mother (Raakhee) succeeds in making him a police officer, because his father (Dharmendra) was killed in the course of duty.

A female cop (Amrita) becomes Sanjay's assistant as well as girl friend. Among others, Jagdeep is a comic policeman, as per the usual screen fantasy. Avtar Gill is an M.L.A. who is hand in glove with the slum-lord Amrit Puri. Hangal appears as a school teacher, while Suresh Bhagwat, Dilip Tahil etc. play sundry interesting characters. There are rough and ready songs like *Kal se shod doonga main sharab* sung in Mithun's own voice.

The idea for *Ilaaka* was inspired by the highly popular TV serial *Nukkad* and is written by Javed Siddiqui who once did *Shatranj Ke Khiladi* for Satyajit Ray.

The film of course has to take the usual film route but inter-action between the two media is at least bringing some fresh aspects of TV to the big screen.

Ilaaka could have done more than just Avtar Gill and Suresh Bhagwat from *Nukkad*. It could have also done away with the formula sequences of childhood, parents' murder, revenge, two heroes turning from friends to enemies, the *Gangster* etc. Holi revelry, the destroying of the big team with explosives and so on.

Death

The real life case of several deaths in Bombay's J.J. Hospital due to fake medicines has provided the starting point for another law versus lawlessness drama in *Gair Kanoon*. It is written and directed by Prayag Raj and his old pal Shashi Kapoor plays an inspector who is bent on gathering proofs of malpractices at the J.J. Hospital owned by villain Ranjeet.

However, the main problem is the exchange of new-born kids. The villain Kadar Khan has taken away Shashi's son and substituted his own daughter in his place. He also arranges the murder of Rajnikant, who is holding some incriminating documents against him.

While Shashi's central character of the honest cop is fairly authentic, the others keep jumping between reality and film fantasy, with familiar scenes and crude gimmicks. The son grows up to be Govinda, who loves duping girls into marriage and pocket their dowry. The girl becomes Sri Devi, a petty thief, brought up by some lowly people.

Meanwhile, the murdered man's son, Rajnikant again in a double role, swears revenge. He is loved by villain Ranjeet's daughter Kimi. Needless to say that

Behind the screen

Fiery Farha

Artists are usually self-loving or self-destroying. But fiery Farha surpasses all by having strong suicidal tendencies and surviving. She is quite proud that she has attempted to slash her vital nerves at least 15 to 20 times. Her family has become accustomed to all the blood and panic. But nothing happens to her. So a bitchy actress suggested: "Why does she not try jumping from some big height?"

Too many airs?

Neeta Puri, the video star just becoming a movie star, is putting on too many airs and making too many demands about her costumes, make-up etc. Since producers don't fancy the skinny Westernised pidd-ball actress, she may be losing some big films. And the video field is also closing on her, with her *alma mater* Hiba Films not keeping up its output. So "careful" should be the word. Or is it "immediate change of attitude"?

Prem in fashion

Prem seems to be coming in the vogue in the midst of *Khoon*. Against the violent films, many love tales are also being made. Boney Kapoor is making *Prem* itself, to be followed by *Prem Paigham*, *Prem Pratigya*, *Prem Diwani*, *Prem Sandesh*, *Prem Uphaar* and more to come.

New song for Tezaab

The *Tezaab* people are adding a new song to the hit film. It has achy words like *Sri Devi ko nachao jaane*, *Amitabh ko bulao to zane*, *Dara Singh ko ladao to jaane* etc. It is being done after the film has run for 18 weeks. But then claim that this is the first time this has been done is false. Raj Kapoor did it years ago in *"Barsaat"*. After the film ran several weeks he added *Main Zindagi mein har dam rota hi tha hoon*. And it ran even longer.

Family saga

The Sunny-Dimple attachment was out in the open when they did a nuburial together for N. Chandra's *Narsinha*. Till now they had been seeing secretly. But will they allow Sunny's brother Bobby and Dimple's daughter Twinkle to act in Ghal's new film? And in case other pairs decide on marriage, the relationships will be indeed difficult to sort out.

Landless financier

It is said that the financier of *Zameen* who was a land-owner has become landless due to the tricks of those making the film. What more do you want from a title to prove true?



A fresh crop of Indian films is ready for release with the usual fare of romance and violence. However, some familiar faces have donned unusual disguises or are playing characters different from the usual stereo-type roles, film goers are accustomed to seeing them in. Feroze Rangoonwala reports.

Mithun (left) and Sunjay Dutt play 'sons of the soil' in *Ilaaka*.



Rekha as Madame X, woman doing any dare-devil crime for wealth.

The hero adopts the tactics of having a second lady to outwit the first. It's an old idea taken also from Amitabh's *Don*. (*Must Rekhado everything to follow in "his" footsteps!*) So another image of the good heroine is created. She is trained and prepared to take the place of the original, so that the real gang of culprits behind her can be tracked down. Anupam Kher, Avtar Gill, Shakti Kapoor and Raza Murad play the other roles in the film directed by Deepak Shivdasani.

Ashki Ghatalam may sound a strange title in a country that has crossed forty years of democracy and freedom. Yet, there are cases heard about bonded labourers still wasting their life in remote villages.

The film directed by Shibu Mitra is perhaps inspired by this reality to present Mithun as a slave-child, growing up under a heartless landlord, Anupam Kher. He has learned implicit obedience from all the injustices and punishment and is surprisingly devoted to his master with heart and soul.

The Thakur's daughter Sonam loves Mithun. But she is sent off abroad to study. The hero kills his master's enemy and goes to jail for it. The landlord now shifts his wealth to the city and a mill. By nature, he begins to treat the workers also like slaves.

The union leader Raj Babbar opposes this and Anupam has to accept defeat. But when Mithun returns from jail, Anupam orders him to kill Babbar. Meanwhile, Mithun meets the foreign returned beloved Sonam again and now the slave decides to revolt against the false master.

There comes a fantastic change in his appearance too. He becomes a sophisticated guy, with dark glasses, a beard.

With some crazy head-gear, she really looks weird rather like a stunt queen from the old movies. It's unusual for her to play an anti-heroine role that of a



Govinda

and a dog on the leash. As a last resort, the dying landlord seeks his help, which he loyally gives.

And then there is Dada Kondke, the last word in rural, earthy characters, who are not only comic but also capable of fantastic deeds. In his forthcoming *Khol De Meri Zubana*, Dada plays a dumb man Lallu, who is very helpful to the villagers. The landlord's daughter always teases him. Her horoscope says that only her fourth husband will live. Two are already dead and the father cannot find the third. Meanwhile, Lallu gets his speech back and starts exposing the evil villagers. He also accepts the challenge of marrying the girl and yet does not die. The landlord and his men try their best to get rid of him. He makes a city businessman adopt the whole village. In the end, he is hit by a temple bell and returns to his dumb innocence.



Sunny (left) and Dimple: their relationship is now in the open



Farha: strong suicidal tendencies

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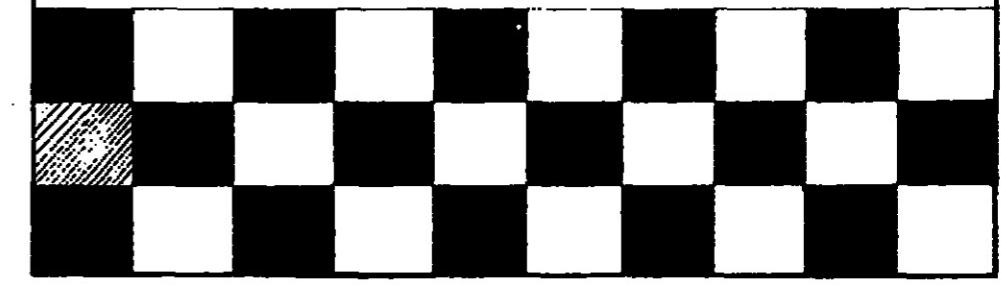
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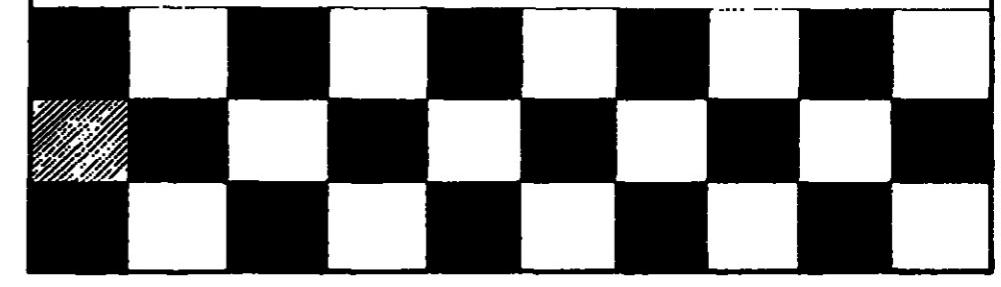
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Dear Junior Readers,

Everyone knows that April the first is All Fools' Day - when people try to trick each other.

It has been suggested that the reason for this strange custom is that it was the day when Noah sent the dove from the Ark and it came back without being able to find land. So now the best April fool jokes are to do with "sending on a fool's errand."

Some people may think of rather nasty or cruel jokes to play on others. I advise all of you to avoid such foul behaviour, as the beginning of a month should be celebrated with "light" and harmless jokes. Try not to hurt anyone's feelings.

After noon, the joke rebounds on the joker, and the intended victim can retort "April Fools' Day's past and gone, you're the fool and I'm none."

The song of the cuckoo is first heard in April, in many countries. And the month is sometimes referred to as The Cuckoo's Month.

There is an ancient saying that if a girl wants to know how many years it will be before she marries, she can count the answer in the number of cuckoo calls she hears. For boys the Cuckoo's call means that all the adventures of summer are beginning.

April is often accompanied with unpleasant weather, dust storms and humidity, so you may have to stay indoors quite a bit. If we are unfortunate to see such weather, pastime games will come in handy.

Manal

CHOCOLATE is the deep, dark brown, sinful stuff with which we pamper ourselves when we are a bit low, with which we treat ourselves when we've done well, on which we gorge ourselves on sight of a dire strait - and then feel the guilty pangs afterwards.

Chocolate is the vegetable we spend a lot of money on.

Chocolate and chocolate goodies are the only packaged food in which we invest the most hope and emotion (whoever heard of anyone turning to smoked salmon or fried eggs in the time of crises?). And despite all this frantic consumption and passion, it is the most maligned item in anyone's diet - obesity, depression, allergies, schizophrenia, spots, panic attacks, tooth decay, migraine, rashes and headaches - you name it, they can all be put down to, or blamed on, the delectable dark sugary stuff.

But, despite the health boom and all the repeated claims that chocolate does nothing but harm what with all the sugar and all the fat, we're still rushing in our droves to the tuck shop. What's more, we are collectively, eating more of the stuff than ever before. So we decided to take this sticky issue by the horns in a greedy attempt to find out just what chocolate is, why it has such a hold on us and how it actually affects us.

What is chocolate?

A discovery of the Aztec Indians, chocolate was first taken to Europe by Christopher Columbus who presented cacao beans at the court of King Ferdinand of Spain in 1502. But it wasn't until the blood-thirsty conquistador, Cortes, returned from his sorties in the killing fields of the New World that it caught on commercially.

The Mexicans, who used to drink in many sacred ritual ceremonies, drank it in a bitter and highly spiced form to which the Spaniards added vanilla and sugar.

They kept the secret of this black magic drink for nearly a

Chocolate Dark brown and sinful



century, but it finally spread to other European capitals. The first chocolate house in London was opened in Bishopsgate in 1657. It was frequented by the rich and fashionable elite and Samuel Pepys recorded the pleasures of imbibing "jocolate" in his much read diaries.

At this time the cacao bean was used whole, producing a very fatty drink with an unpleasant scum at the top. This all changed in 1824 when Van Heuton, a Dutchman, invented a system of rollers to press some of the fat out, leaving us with cocoa powder to which the Spaniards added vanilla and sugar.

This lead the way for Joseph Fry of Bristol to invent his chocolate lozenge ("a pleasant and nutritious

substitute for food while traveling or when unusual fasting is caused by irregular period mealtimes" as the snappy 19th century advertising slogan had it), the first such read diaries.

Another red letter day for chocoholics came in 1824 when John Cadbury opened the doors of his Birmingham beverage shop. He originally intended to sell tea and coffee, but found chocolate overtaking in the popularity stakes and so soon opened a chocolate factory in nearby Bourneville.

Then, for the love of his boss' daughter, Daniel Peter of Switzerland invented milk chocolate (using Nestle condensed milk) in 1876. This lead the market until Cadbury introduced their Dairy Milk bar in 1904. And the rest is history.

Is chocolate bad for you?

Not altogether, no. The message from the nutritionists is, if you've got to eat sweets eat chocolate because it does contain some nutrients such as calcium, zinc and vitamin A. But it does have twice the fat of the greasiest chips which doesn't exactly do you good.

Can it give you spots?

The experts say there is no real evidence, but then sufferers need no proof. It is possible, if not likely, that the

amount of fat in chocolate contributes to your pimples, so it is well worth putting yourself on an exclusion diet for a few weeks to study the results.

Can it give you headaches?

There is no real proof of this, but in a recent survey 74 per cent of migraine sufferers claimed that chocolate triggered off their attacks. Neither chocolate nor any other food can actually give you a migraine - you are born with a tendency to it - but in some people certain foods can provoke an attack and chocolate is a particular villain. The reason for this is that the rich creamy and gorgeous stuff we all crave contains a chemical with a very long name (beta-phenylethylamine) saying that with a mouthful of Mars bar!). And that chemical is a vasoactive amine which means that it causes all your little blood vessels to expand, and that could account for the beastly throbbing quality of migraine headaches.

Can you be allergic to it?

In a report, chocolate was in the top ten list of foods most commonly involved in allergies and "food intolerance." But again, there is no hard evidence and most doctors poo-poo the idea that food can be involved in your ailments. So if you feel that sweet stuff might be making you ill, trying without it for at least three weeks and see how you are after.

Can it rot your teeth?

Dental caries - medical term for decaying teeth - is undoubtedly helped along by the munching of chocolate.

Decay is caused when the bacteria present in your mouth acts on the carbohydrates you're eating to produce acid, which then sticks on to your teeth and gives your dentist something to do. What this means, in fact, is that every time you resort to chocolate you are giving your teeth an acid bath.

Can you really be addicted to chocolate?

Not in the clinical sense, but psychiatrists say that it can create a powerful craving. So although you may feel that you cannot get through the day without a fix of Kitkat, you wouldn't actually suffer from any physical symptoms if all the sweet dealers were closed for business. But you might not be so happy which is the main reason why so many have become dependent on chocolate - it soothes, comforts and makes you feel that everything is right with the world. There's no solid proof yet, but there could be a good reason for this.

Your moods are controlled by chemicals in the brain and one of those chemicals, serotonin, appears in chocolate. So running to the Milky Bar may, in fact, be a sensible way of restoring your mood enhancing capability.

Chocolate facts

- The word chocolate is thought to come from the Aztec word "xocoatl" (or chocoatl) which meant bitter water.
- It takes a whole year's crop from one tree on a cocoa plantation to make one pound of cocoa powder.
- Maltesers were first introduced in the 1930's as "Energy Balls" - wonder why the change in name?
- Forrest Mars, the American inventor of the Milky Way and Mars bar, told his son in 1932 "thus company isn't big enough for the both of us" and dispatched his son abroad. Mars junior settled in Slough, England and set up his own Mars company, now one of the big three.

Ha! Ha!

What did the rock pool say to another rock pool?

Show us your mussels.

What is yellow, has twenty-two legs and goes crunch?

A Chinese football team.

Who invented gunpowder? A lady who wanted guns to look pretty.

Who was the first underwater spy?

James Bond.

What do you get when you eat foam?

Soft in the head.

Did you hear the joke about the field of corn that was 100 feet high?

You wouldn't like it - it's a very tall story.

In a fight between a hedgehog and a fox, who won?

The hedgehog won on points.

What did the Daddy Hedgehog say to his son as he was about to spank him?

"This is going to hurt me far more than it will you..."

What do you call an Eskimo's house which has no lavatory?

An ig.

What travels 100 miles per hour underground?

A mole on a motor-bike.

How do ou milk a mouse?

You can't — the bucket won't fit under it.

What is the worst kind of weather for rats and mice?

When it's raining cats and dogs.

What's worse than raining cats and dogs?

Hailing taxis.

What do you get when you jump in the Read Sea?

Wet.

What do you call a cat who swallowed a duck?

A duck-filled fatty puss.

Time elapsed — 12 minutes.

By then, I was really worried. Putting the egg inside would come last but I had not figured out how to keep the egg inside. And I wasn't sure the box itself would survive the fall.

I decided to cut a hole in the centre of the piece of paper and tape the paper across the top of the box. I also used rubber bands to hold it in place.

Time elapsed — 14 minutes. One minute left.

Finally, I put the egg inside the box, covered it with a little more shredded paper and taped a last 3x5 card over the hole.

Fifteen minutes. Time was up.

Most of the participants were children or adolescents, although there was one man who was about 50. Most of the contraptions were an odd assortment of paper, tape, string and rubber bands. Some were pretty, but most, like mine, were just odd looking.

The first device dropped was attractive but very fragile. The egg was tightly wrapped in paper and 3x5 cards and was connected to a paper parachute by a string. It dropped like a ton of bricks — only bricks don't go "splat" on impact.

Its maker, a little girl, briefly looked hurt, but recovered quickly when told she would still get a small gift for taking part.

One by one, the devices

were dropped. Most of the eggs broke. Noah's was not one of them. His padded box with two parachutes dropped quickly but landed on its bottom. Number six for Noah.

"I kept the egg up at the top and added the parachutes to make the fall slower," he said.

"I had something to make it hit on the bottom, like sticks, straws and paper."

Then came my turn.

Noah finally told me his secret. He said he always weighted down the bottom so the box would not flip over while falling. That was also partially the reason for the parachute. I had not thought about that. He wished me luck. I cursed under my breath.

The museum official lifted the box and, after a big, three-count send off, let go.

I wasn't going to look but it was over in the blink of an eye. The box hit the bricks and bounced onto its side. But I did not hear the all-too-familiar crunch of the egg breaking.

A museum official dug inside and withdrew my unblemished egg.

I jumped in joy. I had achieved success beyond my wildest dreams. I hadn't been beaten by Noah.

Time elapsed — 12 minutes.

All I had were the cards, which were not co-operating, and the tape. After a false start, I taped the walls together. The basic structure was complete.

It was not pretty but all it needed to be was functional.

Time elapsed — nine minutes.

I was beginning to get worried. Noah, who for the first time was being helped by his older brother Alex, 15, was putting the finishing touches on a padded box with a parachute.

I lined the bottom and

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

IMF to press Jordan to cut budget deficit

Rifa'i expects accord by early April

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AMMAN, March 29. (Reuters): An IMF mission discussing Jordan's financial crisis will press the government to balance its budget within five years, a banking source said today.

"The IMF's main concern is the fiscal deficit. They want it reduced to two or three per cent, if not zero per cent, of the budget within four or five years," said the source, who is familiar with the fund's views on Jordan.

Jordan called in the International Monetary Fund, which began high-level talks in Amman yesterday, after a foreign exchange crisis forced it to halt some payments on its civil and military debt of around \$6 billion.

Debt

In the 1980s the kingdom has run budget, trade and balance of payments deficit covered mainly by Arab aid, domestic and foreign borrowing, and remittances from migrant workers.

Bahrain-based bankers said today they expected Amman to seek rescheduling of its commercial debt after reaching an agreement with the IMF, but no formal request had been made.

"They said Jordan was rolling over principal payments on two syndicated loans worth \$375 million and was technically in default. But banks were unlikely to press the matter because monthly interest payments were being met."

"Jordan is still seen as a reasonable risk," one said.

Western diplomats put Jordan's budget deficit at 253 million dinars (\$675 million at 1988 exchange rates) in 1988, against a forecast 68 million dinars (\$181 million).

This year the government has planned a deficit of 154 million dinars (\$285 million).

It anticipates reaping 200 million dinars (\$370 million) in Arab grant aid, but Arab diplomats doubt this will materialise in full.

The banking source said the IMF team would discuss how Amman could cut its deficit without hurting the economy.

"They will want to see plans for a wider tax base, improved tax collection and spending cuts. They will advise the government not to raise wages, hire more civil servants or transfer funds to flaky public enterprises," he said.

In 1988 the Central Bank loaned the treasury \$11 million dinars (\$833 million) in direct advances and purchases of treasury bills and government bonds, its figures show.

"If they keep on printing money to finance the deficit, the dinar will keep collapsing," the banking source said.

Conditions

Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i has said Jordan will resist any IMF conditions because the kingdom has already launched needed reforms. He expects an IMF accord by early April.

Western diplomats and bankers believe it will take at least two months before the IMF agrees to begin disbursement of any

standby credit for Jordan.

They said an IMF seal of approval was needed if Jordan wished to approach the Paris Club of official creditors to reschedule its bilateral debt. Talks with the Paris Club could begin by the end of July at the earliest, they said.

One Western diplomat said he expected the IMF to advocate a realistic unified exchange rate for the dollar, currently fixed by the Central Bank at 340 fils to the dollar.

"They will also ask questions about food subsidies, which are now 10 per cent of current expenditure, as well as indirect subsidies on water and energy," he said.

"They will ask the government to lift its ban on luxury imports and replace it with higher customs dues," he said.

The government slapped a year-long ban on imports of luxury goods in November to save foreign exchange. It has also devalued the dinar, cut spending and frozen major development projects.



A share trader squeezed in a mob of fellowmen gasps during heavy trading at the Tokyo Stock Exchange near the end of a two-day buying spree on Wednesday, as shares shot up 430.92 points to close at a record 32,737.28 (Reuter wirephoto)

US leading economic index drops

Strong dollar hits gold

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trend in gold to reach \$155.50 an ounce, up \$10 from levels last week ahead of the long Easter holiday weekend.

Speculators bought the metal after a British and an American scientist announced last week they had sustained a nuclear fusion reaction at room temperature in an experiment involving a rod of palladium being dipped into heavy water.

If confirmed, the breakthrough could herald a new era of cheap nuclear energy. Until now nuclear fusion has only been achieved at temperatures close to those found in the sun in experiments using costly equipment.

Palladium, which is normally only thinly traded, defied the

exchange today, while the US dollar continued to rise against the Japanese yen.

The 223-issue Nikkei stock average, which gained 793.96 points on Tuesday in its largest single-day rise this year, added another 430.92 points, or 1.3 per cent, finishing the day at 32,737.28.

Japanese investors still expect the Nikkei to rise higher, which also boosted buying, the analyst said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The US index of leading indicators, the government's main barometer of future economic trends, fell 0.3 per cent in February after a 0.7 per cent rise in January, the Commerce Department said today.

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Symposium on car and road safety



Mr. U.W. Danzer, the GM welcoming the guests.



Dr. Nori Al-Khazimi and Mr. Bisher Al-Bisher presenting the company's plaque to Brigadier Fouad Musa Al-Saleh.



discussed the subject in detail and said that "anybody driving along a road is under a certain tension."

Prof. Dr. Dieckmann, who also gave a slide presentation, stressed that the motorist and vehicle and road triangles—a triangular closed loop system—must be as small as possible.

Summarising the numerous components for the development and improvement of automobile safety features in cars, include safety belts, airbag protection to restrain the passenger during a crash deceleration and other features.

He described Active Safety as "All those measures which serve to prevent the occurrence of an accident including easy handling, good cornering ability and good braking capacity."

design in a balanced manner.

He explained that three testing and procedural elements—design and calculation, laboratory measuring and testing and road trials—play a major role in the development of a vehicle.

Prof. Dr. Dieckmann also explained the effect of noise, vibration and other factors on the passenger in the vehicle. He added that vision—seeing clearly—is the major prerequisite for driving and good vision, he said, increases safety.

An accident research film on Mercedes-Benz cars was also shown.

Prof. Dr. Dieckmann said the seat-belt tensioner system, introduced by Mercedes-Benz, has increased the protective effect of the safety belt. He added that Daimler-Benz is the only car manufacturer to install front-seat belt tensioners as a standard feature since 1984.

Prof. Dr. Dieckmann explained the benefits of the airbag protection system, installed in 400,000 Mercedes-Benz vehicles so far, through a film presentation.

Commenting on the general causes of accidents, Prof. Dr. Dieckmann disclosed that technical defects were responsible for a small percentage of accidents while human error was responsible for 90 per cent of all crashes.

He added that the important criteria for traffic guidance systems include increased traffic safety, improved traffic flow, reduced noise level and air pollution and reduced energy consumption.

Lt. Col. Essa Abu Rahma, the head of the technical section at the General Traffic Department, also gave a speech outlining the problems of traffic management and road safety in Kuwait.

KD2m Kuwait Fund loan for Senegal

Plan to help finance road project

DAKAR, March 29. (KUNA): A loan agreement was signed today between the Republic of Senegal and the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), whereby the fund shall make a loan of KD2 million to help finance the Diakakoto-Kedougou road project in addition to increasing the standard of the present road.

Project

The project consists of an asphalted road, 160 kilometres long, 6 metres wide, with 1.5 metres wide shoulders. The project includes civil engineering works in addition to consultancy services for supervision.

Total cost of the project is estimated at KD14.4 million, of

which 14 per cent shall be covered in full by the fund loan.

Execution of the project shall commence early in 1990, and is expected to be completed by 1993.

The loan shall be for a period of 20 years including about 5 years grace period amortised in 30 semi-annual instalments, the first of which shall be due on April 1, 1994 and the last on Oct 1, 2008.

The loan bears interest at 2.5 per cent per annum, in addition to 0.5 per cent per annum to cover administrative and other expenses incurred in the implementation of the loan agreement.

The aim of the project is to contribute to the development of

UK trade deficit widens

Share prices drop

LONDON, March 29. (AP): Britain's merchandise trade deficit widened unexpectedly to £2.196 billion (\$3.73 billion) in February as exports fell faster than imports, the government said today.

Most economists had expected the deficit to narrow slightly.

Share prices fell because of the news, which fuelled fears that interest rates would go higher.

Angola's oil production, currently concentrated in the northern offshore areas, is projected to reach 500,000 barrels per day by the end of 1990, oil industry officials say.

Of the country's 14 demarcated offshore blocks, which include the rich northern Cabinda area, three are currently in production (Cabinda and blocks two and three) and three are being explored (blocks one, four and five).

Exploration

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NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LFE	320/0	319/0	319/0	BR ASSETS	79/0	79/4	HELENE PL	34/0	34/0
ADT LTD	152/0	152/0	152/0	BR DREDGI	168/0	168/0	HELICAL B	310/0	310/0
ALD LYONS	443/0	443/0	443/0	BR VITA	265/0	265/0	HEPHORTH	284/0	283/0
AMSTRAD	143/0	143/0	143/0	BRENT CHE	155/0	155/0	HESTAIR	288/0	288/0
ARGYLL GP	176/5	176/5	176/5	BRENT WKR	352/0	351/0	HEYWOOD M	303/0	303/0
ASDA GP	145/0	145/0	145/0	BRIDON	197/0	198/0	HICKSN IN	249/0	249/0
BAA	336/0	336/0	336/0	BRITAIN SE	210/0	210/0	HIGGS HIL	380/0	380/0
BTR	375/0	375/0	375/0	BRITANNIC	400/0	400/0	HMBRO CTY	320/0	320/0
BAT INDs	562/0	562/0	562/0	BRIXTON E	392/0	391/0	HMBRD ZOP	231/0	231/0
BARCLAYS	435/0	435/0	435/0	BRIXTON F	407/4	407/4	HNTN SPKR	162/0	163/0
BASS	920/0	920/0	920/0	BROWN SHI	349/0	348/0	HOLMES PR	109/0	108/0
BEAVER	215/0	215/0	215/0	A.S.W.HLD	256/0	256/0	HOLDEN GP	161/4	161/0
BECHAMS	589/0	589/0	589/0	ABK KENT	102/0	102/0	HOPKINSON	90/0	91/0
BERFORD	148/0	148/0	148/0	ALD COLL	135/0	133/0	HOPKINSON	19/0	19/0
BICC PLC	498/0	498/0	498/0	P & O DFD	664/0	664/0	HUGGENS	118/0	118/0
BLUE ARW	90/0	90/0	90/0	ALD LDN	185/0	185/0	HTV GROUP	110/0	110/0
BLU CIRC	533/0	533/0	533/0	ADDISON	37.5	38.0	ICE-FZ FD	342/0	341/0
BOC GP	506/0	506/0	506/0	ADMEST	176/0	175/0	ICE-FZ FD	342/0	341/0
BOOTS CO	269/0	269/0	269/0	ALEXON	389/0	388/0	INDPNDT W	14/0	14/0
BPP INDs	255/0	255/0	255/0	ALD COLL	135/0	133/0	INDPNDT W	14/0	14/0
BR COMM	200/0	200/0	200/0	CAMD ELEC	245/0	246/0	INT.CITY	79/0	78.3
BR AIRWAY	195/0	195/0	195/0	CAMPFIRE	239/0	240/0	INT.CITY	79/0	78.3
BR AEROSP	574/0	574/0	574/0	CANTING	267/0	267/0	INTL.CITY	143/2	143/4
BR GAS RE	181/0	181/0	181/0	CANISTER	290/0	291/0	JHSN&FIN	56/0	56/0
BR LAND	367/0	367/0	367/0	CAPP.RADIO	672/0	673/0	JOS HLDS	149/0	149/0
B.P.	288/0	288/0	288/0	CAIRD GRP	384/0	382/0	KALAMAZOO	48/0	48/0
B.P.-PP	184/0	184/0	184/0	CALENDONA	383/0	384/0	KALON GRP	39/0	39/0
BR STEEL	85/4	85/4	85/4	CALENDONA	383/0	384/0	SHIRE INV	248/0	249/0
BR TELCOM	274/0	274/0	274/0	CATTLE ND	75/0	75/0	SIMON ENG	370/0	370/0
BURMAN OL	564/0	564/0	564/0	CATTLE ND	75/0	75/0	SINGER&FR	71/0	72/0
BURTON	212/0	212/0	212/0	CAUDLON	12/4	12/4	SITH	325/0	325/0
CABLE&WIR	460/0	460/0	460/0	COOPER F	178/0	177/0	SOUND DIF	22/0	22/0
CADBURYS	344/0	344/0	344/0	COOPER F	178/0	177/0	SPRNG RAM	239/0	241/0
CALOR GRP	385/0	385/0	385/0	COOPER F	178/0	177/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
CRUTLN COM	897.5	897.5	897.5	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
CRUTLN R T	890/0	890/0	890/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
COOKSONS	316/0	316/0	316/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
COURTAULD	295/0	295/0	295/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
DAILETY	355/0	355/0	355/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
DIXONS	163/0	163/0	163/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
ENG CHINA	525/0	525/0	525/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
ENTER OIL	533/0	533/0	533/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
FKI BABCK	167/0	167/0	167/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
FERRANTI	108/4	108/4	108/4	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
FISONS	284/0	284/0	284/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
GATEWAY	163/0	163/0	163/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
GEN ACCID	972/0	972/0	972/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
GEN ELEC	233/0	233/0	233/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
GLAXO	294/0	294/0	294/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
GRANADA	388/0	388/0	388/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
GLOBE	165/0	165/0	165/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
GLYNWED	312/4	312/4	312/4	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
GUARD RYL	214/0	214/0	214/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
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HARRISH C	727/0	727/0	727/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
HAWKER SID	658/0	658/0	658/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
HILLSDOM	276/0	276/0	276/0	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0
WIMPEY GE	90.75	90.75	90.75	COURET FR	219/0	220/0	STANDAR	10/0	10/0

World Indexes

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1705.5	1708.0	1698.4	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1180.4	1180.4	1167.5	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1075.01	75.01	1068.68	926.59
FT GOV SEC	87.78	87.98	88.10	87.03
FT GOLD MN	191.5	191.5	191.8	161.9
FT MINES F	643.78	643.78	636.16	565.31
FT OIL	1998.9	1998.9	1987.0	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	138.83	138.83	139.72	139.21
FT WLD STG	123.18	123.18	120.44	120.26
FT WLD LOC	129.06	129.06	127.30	127.29
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INTERNATIONAL Bond Listings

LONDON: Mitsubishi Electric Corp is issuing a 800 mln dir four-year equity warrant bond with an indicated coupon of 4-1/2 pct.
 LONDON: Europe said as lead manager. (XKLY 0951)
 London: Toyo Menko Kalsita Ltd is issuing a 300 mln dir four-year equity warrant Eurobond with an indicated coupon of 4-1/2 pct.
 Nikko Securities said as lead manager. (XKVY 0907)
 London: Kamigumi Co Ltd is issuing a 300 mln dir four-year equity warrant bond with an indicated coupon of 4-5/8 pct, Nomura International Ltd said as lead manager. (XKLY 0954)
 London: The Standard Bank of New South Wales is issuing a 10-3/8 pct, 200 mln dir Eurobond due April 26, 1999 and priced at 102.
 lead manager. (XKLY 1311)
 London: Nissho Iwai Finance America is pricing a 10-1/2 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Daiwa Europe Ltd said. (XKLY 1338)
 London: Nissan International (Netherlands) BV, is launching a 100 mln dir Eurobond due March 23, 1993 paying a 10-5/8 pct coupon and priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager Yamashita International (Europe) Ltd said. (XKLY 1357)
 Frankfurt: Toyo Tire and Rubber Co Ltd is issuing a 100 mln mark five-year equity warrant bond with an indicated coupon of 2-1/4 pct and put pricing. Commerzbank AG said. (XKLY 0908)
 London: General Motors Acceptance Corp of Canada Ltd (GMAC Canada) is issuing an 11-3/4 pct 100 mln Canadian dir Eurobond due April 20, 1994 and priced at 101-3/4, lead manager Morgan Stanley said. (XKLY 0817)

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	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	47	47	46.50	NAT INDEX	360.78	362.04
TELEPHONIX	385	291	299	GRASIN	109	109.50	107.75	NIPPON	38	35.50
TELEPHONIX				GSFC	155	157.50	152.50	MOCIL	800	810
TELEPHONIX					68	67.25	68.50	OKRAY	25.50	25.50
TELEPHONIX					13	13.50	14.50	OSHAL AGRO	95	95
TELEPHONIX					29	28	29.50	PEICO	25	22
TELEPHONIX					72	HERO HONDA	78	75	76	
TELEPHONIX					220	HIND CIBA	960	945	954	
TELEPHONIX					51	HIND COCOA	120	120	121.25	
TELEPHONIX					78	HIND LEVER	83.50	83.50	83	
TELEPHONIX					42.50	HIND MOTOR	42.50	42.75	43	
TELEPHONIX					365	HINDALCO	268	267.50	264	
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Japanese labour setting sights high in wage talks**Workers are not paid enough to match economic growth**

TOKYO, March 29, (AP): As they approach annual wage negotiations, Japanese workers are not impressed by arguments they already are the world's highest paid.

The country's biggest labour organisation is demanding average raises of seven per cent, saying Japan's high prices leave workers behind in real purchasing power.

"Japanese workers are not paid enough to match the country's economic growth," Kajiyama Toshimura, chairman of the 5.6-million-member Trade Union Confederation, recently told reporters.

Employers counter that higher wages would hurt Japan's ability to compete overseas. They say the answer is for the country to find a way to reduce prices.

Japanese companies and their unions do their bargaining each April in what is known as the "spring labour offensive." This year's began with a rally by about 10,000 workers last Saturday (March 25)

in a Tokyo park.

Strikes tend to be short, intended mainly as demonstrations. The Labour Ministry said that of 1,347 strikes last year, involving 430,000 workers, only 490, with 75,000 workers, lasted more than a half-day.

The forthcoming negotiations follow a year in which consumer prices rose 0.7 per cent, compared with 0.1 per cent in 1987, and unemployment, at 2.5 per cent, was the lowest since 1983. Although Japan counts some people as employed who would not be counted in other nations, some industries have reported labour shortages.

The Bank of Japan says the average profits of 648 major Japanese enterprises rose by 23 per cent last year.

Kajiyama claims that good raises actually will help businesses.

"A higher scale of wages will help expand Japan's domestic demand and improve the standard and quality of life in Japan in keeping with its new economic

status as the country with the highest (per capita) income," Kajiyama recently told reporters.

He added, however, that the Japanese workers' real purchasing power is only 60 per cent of the average American's or 70 per cent of the average West German's.

An international study released last October listed average Japanese income in 1987 at \$23,022, followed by \$21,022 in West Germany, \$18,163 in the United States and \$17,657 in France.

Power

But the study listed real purchasing power at \$9,009 in the United States, \$7,783 in West Germany and \$7,302 in Japan, where high food and housing costs offset high wages.

Raises hit a 22-year low of 3.6 per cent in 1987 as Japanese companies battled the effects of the higher yen, which made their products more expensive and less competitive overseas. The high-yen problem since has been overcome, in some cases by

streamlining of basic industries.

Last April, Japanese companies granted an average 4.4 per cent raise, bringing the average wage to about 249,000 yen (\$1,915) a month, excluding overtime and bonuses. Many economists expect increases of about five per cent this time.

But the Japan Federation of Employers' Association argues for holding down raises to keep Japanese business competitive.

Instead, it "suggests that high domestic prices should be reduced to help the people improve the condition of their daily life," said the federation's spokesman Yasuyuki Hirai.

He said the federation would like to see methods found to simplify the costly system of middlemen that goods pass through en route to consumers; pass on to consumers the benefits of the year's rise, which lowers the cost of foreign products, fuel and raw materials; and curb sharp recent rises in food and housing costs.



A masked demonstrator takes aim with a slingshot during a confrontation with police who used tear-gas to disperse protesting Corsicans on the French island of Corsica. Corsican trade unions demanding better pay, enter their sixth week of strikes as talks with the government broke down this weekend. (Reuter wirephoto)

Strike for better pay**France moves to dampen violence**

AJACCIO, Corsica, March 29. (Reuter): Police fired tear-gas to disperse protesting Corsicans on this French island yesterday as a strike for better pay entered its sixth week with no sign of a settlement.

At least 12 police and several strikers suffered minor injuries in the northern town of Bastia when police fired tear-gas to disperse protesting workers, government and hospital officials said.

They said rifle fire was heard from the direction of the protesters. A number of cars were damaged and sporadic clashes between police and strikers continued in back streets.

Police said they used tear-gas when some 300 demonstrators tried to break down metal railings around the prefecture, where Paris' centrally-appointed administrator is based.

With the threat of violence increasing, Prime Minister Michel Rocard called for fresh talks to end the dispute over the high cost of living on the Mediterranean island. Corsica was virtually cut off

New Zealand committed to slash \$8.6b debt

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, March 29. (AP): Finance Minister David Caygill today said the government is committed to slashing New Zealand's debt by \$4 billion dollars (\$8.6 billion) by 1992 through a programme of privatisation.

Latest statistics show the public debt stands at about \$9 billion dollars (\$24 billion). Caygill said debt payments are about \$12 million dollars (\$7.4 million) a day and represents the single biggest constraint on efforts to improve the country's welfare.

In this fiscal year, ending June 30, the government has sold the Development Finance Corporation Ltd, which provided loans to new industries and small businesses; the health computing service, which held computer records and other health services; and Maori Gas Contracts; Postbank NZ; Air New Zealand and the Shipping Corporation. Those sales produced a total of 1.83 billion New Zealand dollars (\$1.12 billion).

Bid

The Labour government of Prime Minister David Lange on March 7, rejected a bid from the National Australia Bank for the Bank of New Zealand. The bid was believed to have been about one billion dollars (\$615 million).

The only other asset sales since the government decided in December 1987 to embark on the major privatisation programme have been the oil exploration company Petrocorp and New Zealand Steel, which jointly returned 1.1 billion dollars (\$576 million).

Other assets listed as sale prospects in the July 1988 budget were the state's forestry assets, government property services, the Tourist Hotel Corp., the financial assets of the Land Corp. and the business assets of the Tourist and Publicity Department.

Iraq to get \$50 million credit from Pakistan

BAGHDAD, Iraq, March 29. (AP): Pakistan will extend a \$50-million export credit to Iraq for purchases of Pakistani goods, the government-run Alif Baa weekly magazine reported today.

The magazine quoted Pakistan's Commerce Minister Faisal Saleh Hayat as saying the credit will cover a wide variety of products including fishing vessels and other merchant ships.

Alif Baa also quoted the Pakistani official as saying his country is keen to participate in Iraq's reconstruction efforts, following the United Nations-sponsored ceasefire last Aug. 20 that halted the 8-year Iran-Iraq war.

Iraq signed a bilateral economic and trade accord in Baghdad earlier this month which he said "paved the way for further co-operation" between Iraq and Pakistan.

Officials in Baghdad told the Associated Press that a delegation of Iraqi businessmen will soon visit Islamabad, the Pakistani capital, to select goods covered by the new credit.

Iraq already has a foreign debt burden estimated at more than \$60 billion. Post-war efforts to attract private investment to help rebuild the economy so far have had little success.

Saudis to finance food purchases for Egypt

NICOSIA, March 29. (Reuter): Saudi Arabia is to pay for \$2 billion worth of food for Egypt, bankers in the kingdom said today.

Bankers and diplomats said some state-owned banks had received instructions from Riyadh to start arrangements to finance the purchase of foodstuffs for Egypt.

Arab aid to Cairo, burdened by a \$43-billion foreign debt, was cut when it signed a peace treaty with Israel 10 years ago.

Big oil firms in UK face fresh criticism

Petrol price likely to rise

LONDON, March 29. (Reuter): Big oil companies face fresh criticism of their price tactics amid signs they plan a new round of petrol price rises in Britain.

British newspapers said today the state monopolies watchdog body was ready to probe expected price rises by multinational oil companies citing poor profits and soaring crude prices.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is already investigating alleged moves by major oil companies to fix petrol prices, which have gone up 12 pence (20 cents) so far this year to an average £1.86 (\$3.14) a gallon.

Shell said yesterday a 10-pence (17 cent) a gallon rise was necessary and industry speculation was rife that other major oil companies would impose a five pence (eight cent) hike within days.

Leading oil companies complain of poor returns on petrol retailing and analysts say price rises are especially likely with

high crude-oil prices boosted by strong demand and supplies curtailed by oil installation accidents.

West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark US crude, has risen to \$20 a barrel from \$12 last autumn — and some industry sources expect crude prices to firm further after this week's meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna.

Britain's Automobile Association described the prospect of further petrol pump price rises as "shocking bad timing" — a view shared by opposition political parties.

"Motorists will need some convincing that a further rise in the price of petrol is justified," said the Labour Party's trade spokesman Bryan Gould.

High petrol prices will hinder the Conservative government's fight against inflation — its

declared number one economic enemy. A six pence (10 cent) a gallon rise would add 0.12 per cent to the annual inflation rate, analysts say.

Meanwhile, the Shell Oil Company, which recently made the first oil find in a Norwegian area of the strategic Barents Sea, said today that production tests had proved the find was not commercial.

"The tests have given us very valuable (geological) information, but the find turned out to be non-commercial," Shell spokesman Terje Jonassen said.

The find was made by the Norwegian unit of the Royal Dutch/Shell group in early February.

Geologists have said the Barents, off the northern coast of Norway and the Soviet Union, may contain some of the world's largest untapped petroleum reserves. So far, only gas and traces of non-recoverable oil have been found.

Cabinet approves budget

TOKYO, March 29. (AP): The Japanese cabinet today approved a 9.2-trillion-yen (\$69.8-billion) provisional budget to cover the first 50 days of the new fiscal year beginning Saturday.

The 50-day budget was expected to clear both sides of the Diet (parliament) by the end of the week, said Finance Ministry officials.

The cabinet of Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita drew up the preliminary budget after a parliamentary deadlock forced a delay of the slated 6.41-trillion-yen (\$469.93-billion) budget for fiscal 1989, beginning April 1.

Since early this month, opposition parties have stalled Diet proceedings by demanding that Yasuhiro Nakasone, Prime Minister from 1982-87, and his aides testify before a parliamentary committee session regarding their links to a stock-rofiteering scandal.

Pact to sell ad space in space

MOSCOW, March 29. (UPI): The Soviet Union has signed a deal to sell advertising space — in space, of all places.

The Tass news agency said today that Glavkosmos, the Soviet commercial space agency concluded a contract with a Swiss firm that includes selling advertising space on the space suits of cosmonauts and attaching two foot by nine foot advertising billboards to the hull of the orbiting Mir space station.

Hoardings will also be built at launch pads at Baikonur, the main launching area, in Central Asia.

Besides the advertising patches on the space suits and the outdoor space billboards, clients will have the opportunity to have a three minute commercial filmed by cosmonauts onboard the Mir.

Clients will also be permitted to send a kilogramme (2.2 pounds) of cargo into space. The idea is that the cargo which could be something like postage stamps or some promotional item can then be touted as having been in outer space and give it added value.

Plan to diversify export structure

MOSCOW, March 29. (Reuter): Sharp higher Soviet imports from the West in 1988 contributed to a major trade imbalance, official figures released today showed.

Soviet foreign trade has been hit hard in recent years by lower world prices for oil and other raw materials, which account for the bulk of its hard currency exports.

Kremlin plans to diversify export structure, boosting the percentage of finished products sold abroad, have had little impact as yet.

Data published today in the foreign trade journal Vnesheconomy Torgovlya showed the Soviet Union imported 16.3 billion roubles (\$26.1 billion) worth of goods from the developed world last year after 13.9 billion roubles (\$22.2 billion) in 1987.

Its exports to the West rose only slightly to 14.7 billion roubles (\$23.5 billion) from 14.2 billion (\$22.7 billion), creating a trade deficit of 166 million roubles (\$366 million).

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Child artists win prizes

THE winners of the Mercedes Benz drawing contest on "traffic safety" received their prizes at a ceremony held at the Shuaikh Showroom of Al Bisher & Al Kazemi.

More than 300 boys and girls took part in the contest. The 30 winners were selected by a panel of judges, comprising Mahmoud Radwan and Yousef Al Qatami of the Formative Arts Society; Mohammad Abdullah Al Sheikh Al Fares of the Ministry of Education and Menae Al Refai of the Ministry of Interior.

Mohammad Al Bisher, managing director of the company, Udo Danzer, general manager and Professor D. Dieckmann, distributed the prizes. Saker Al Khatib and Talal Hamed addressed the guests.

Photo on right shows: Udo Danzer (second right) pictured with one of the winners during the prize giving ceremony.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Sultan Gallery

UNTIL April 7: Paintings by Shaker Hussain are on show at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghaniyah Bldg., Al Soor St., daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 8 pm.

Modern Soviet Art

UNTIL April 6: Modern Soviet art is on show at the Kuwait National Museum. Organised by the Soviet embassy in co-operation with the museum. Open during museum hours.

Free Atelier Studio

UNTIL April 8: A Jordanian art exhibition is open at the Free Atelier Studio, Gulf St., daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm. The show has been organised by the Jordanian embassy in co-operation with the National Council for Culture Arts and Letters.

Ghadir Gallery

APRIL 10-13: Yemeni artist, Abdullah Al Amri will show his latest paintings at the Ghadir Gallery, Salhiya Complex. The exhibition will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 8.30 pm.

Formative Arts Show

UNTIL April 5: A formative arts show is being held at the Dahiyah Abdullah Al Salem Gallery. More than 80 painting by Arab and Gulf artists are on display. Open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.

Kuwait Science Museum

OPEN Saturday-Wednesday, 4.30 - 5.30 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT-THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum

SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Saudi House

SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

MUSIC

Down Air Concert MARCH 31: 5 pm. Steve Michael with the Zambezi will feature in the Peace and Love concert at the Salma Club Stadium. Tickets - K.D. 2 - available at Swan Lake, Salhiya and Kuwait City, and the No. 1 Records, Sultan Centre, Salma. The concert is in aid of charity.

Real Concert

MARCH 31: Vishal Arts present a beat concert featuring Symphony and Perfect Strangers from 3.30 pm at the Sharq Co-operative Hall. At 6 pm the group will present a variety show with Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi music and folk dances. For details call Anthony Souza or Arjun Gehi. Tel: 2631826 or 2663693 after 3.30 pm.

SAAZ aur Awaz SAAZ aur Awaz, a musical group, invites new singers to join them for their next concert "Bholay Bistari Geet and Ghazals," due to be held on May 19. For details call Anwar Abdullah 3989111 ext. 6811, 8 am to 3 pm.



● Tunisian singers Chokri Bouzaine (above) and Malika Quarantini will take part in a one night Tunisian Festival at the Meridian Hotel. They will be accompanied by Layalina, a popular Arab band and folk dancers. The barbecue and buffet features Tunisian cuisine including roast lamb, couscous and other dishes will be offered at the barbecue and dinner.

THEATRE

ACT

MARCH 30 (8 pm): ACT presents Jean Giraudoux' comic fantasy "The Madwoman of Chaillot," directed by George Plautz, at Mousetrap Theatre, Jabriya. Reduced ticket price for opening night. For reservations call 5731782 (answerphone) or 5755391, 5-7 pm.

Malayalam Drama

APRIL 7: Gayathri Arts will present their first Malayalam drama "Kartha Paurnami" at Indian Arts Circle. Written by Chandran and directed by Nandan Iningalakuda. For entry passes call 5643126.

SOCIAL

Bangladesh Association

MARCH 31: (7 pm) The Bangladesh Association will hold a cultural function to mark the Independence and National Day of Bangladesh. The event will be held at the Hawalli Labour Union Hall. All Bangladeshis are welcome.

GERMAN-SPEAKING CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

APRIL 1 (Saturday): The election for the new committee will take place on Saturday, 8

Cooking Class

MARCH 31: 9.30 am - 12 noon: Baking class; 1.30 - 4.30 pm: Cooking class (Asian dishes); both classes will be held at Pullman Hotel. Free for KAPILKU members.

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● Some members of the Vishal Music Group who will take part in a concert on Friday at the Sharq Co-operative Society. Singers Arjun Gehi, John Uttram, Geneve Sequeira, Kusum Sagar and Girija Radhakrishnan will present songs in Hindi and Punjabi. The show will be punctuated by folk dances and surprise items

Winner strikes gold

THE Hungry Bunny Lottery Draw was held on March 23 in the presence of representatives of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Ministry of Interior. A large number of people gathered at Hungry Bunny, Keifan, for the draw.

The first prize — one kilo of gold — was won by the holder of the lucky No. 38340. The second prize — a return ticket to London — was won by No. 44567. The third prize — a computer — was won by No. 26583; and the fourth prize — a motorcycle — was won by No. 8109.

The winners are requested to collect their prizes from Al Homaizi Food Stuff, Al Soor Street, Yaacoub Yousif Al Homaizi Bldg., third floor, or call before 12 pm today to claim the prizes. Tel: 2417123/4/5/6/7. The winners must claim their prizes within one month from the date of the draw. If the winners fail to show up within that period, the prizes will be given to holders of the following contingency numbers (also drawn on March 23):

First Prize: No. 82781

Second Prize: No. 74572

Third Prize: No. 3427

Fourth Prize: No. 6624.



TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Cartoons

9.45 Tum Tek and Children

10.00 Magazine D'Actualite

10.30 The Death of the Hare: English

feature film.

11.30 Fi Rihab Tarbiya: In

the field of Education, Part 2.

1.00 News

1.05 World today via satellite

1.35 Varieties

2.15 Hadith Deen: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli

3.30 Cartoons

4.00 Hindi film starring Sanjeev Kumar, Leena Chandavarkar

6.00 Kuwait in a Week

7.00 News Summary

7.45 The Family: presented by Fatima Rashid

8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: with Sheikh Ali Al Jassar

9.00 News

10.00 Wrestling

10.45 Amsiya Al Juma: local show

11.30 News Summary

12.00 World today via satellite

12.00 News Summary Magazine D'Actualite Holy Quran Close-down

10.30 Late Night Movie "Smoky and the Bandit II": Part 2 of the Smoky and the Bandit trilogy, pregnancy with elephant jokes. Starring Burt Reynolds, Sally Field and Paul Williams. 101 minutes

12.00 News Summary Magazine D'Actualite Holy Quran Close-down

FRIDAY

4.00 Holy Quran

4.10 The Sylvanian Family cartoons

4.50 Italian football

5.40 American Basketball Star Trek: The New Generation "We'll Always Have Paris" The Starship Enterprise answers a distress call from another spaceship

8.00 News in English

8.40 Breaking Away

8.55 Big League Soccer Brian Moore presents English League games

9.40 Weekend: local programme

10.00 The Charms: "Trading Places" Comedy. Lillian makes Luther's wish come true, with some disastrous effects.

10.30 The Challenge: episode 5. In 1983, Australia captured the Americas Cup, ending the 132 years winning streak. This episode dramatises the events leading to the victory.

11.30 News Summary Magazine D'Actualite Holy Quran Close-down

KTV 2

4.00 Opening & Holy Quran

4.08 Cartoons

4.26 Football match, Syria vs Saudi Arabia

6.20 Cartoon serial

6.30 Short Stories: "First Egg"

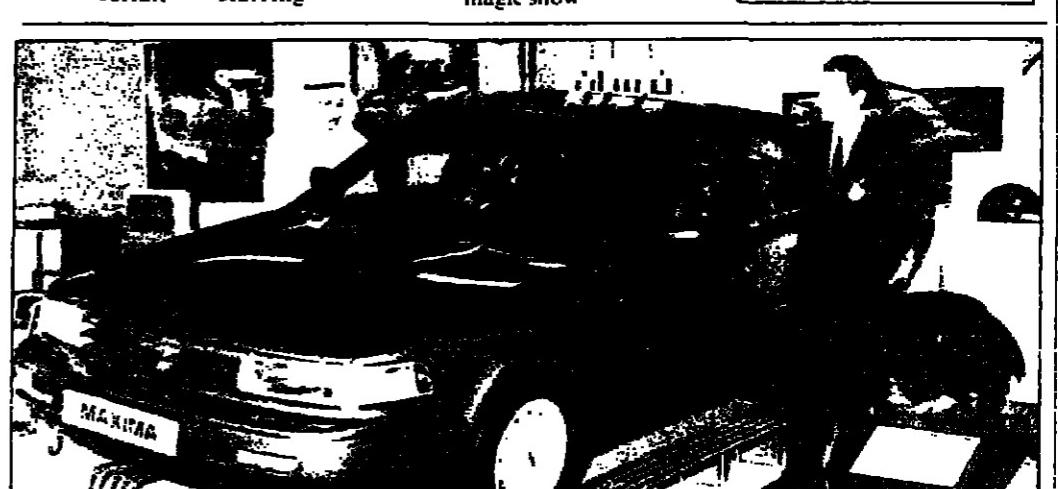
7.30 Face to Face: local talk show

8.00 News in English

8.40 Miami Vice: "Badge of Honour". The vice squad make a plan to frame drug smugglers.

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US skipper Dennis Conner with the America's Cup. (Reuter wirephoto)

Dennis accepts court ruling

Cup should be decided on the water, says Conner

SYDNEY, March 29, (AP): America's Cup skipper Dennis Conner today said he accepted the New York court's decision awarding the yachting world's oldest trophy to New Zealand but said he felt the cup should be decided on the water and not in the courts.

Speaking to reporters at a stopover in Sydney on a flight from Japan to New Zealand where he will do a television commercial, Conner, dressed in San Diego yacht club jacket, said:

"I'm not an attorney. Sure I'm disappointed. I spent 3-1/2 years of my life working to return the America's Cup to the United States. I'm disappointed to see it go back without it being contested on the water."

Opposition

Conner, 44, said he had not been in contact with the San Diego Yacht Club and did not know if they would appeal the New York Supreme Court verdict but he said there was strong commercial pressure in San Diego to do so.

He said he first learned of the decision when a stewardess informed him during the flight from Tokyo.

He refused to concede his victory last year in a twin-hulled catamaran over a slower single-hulled New Zealand yacht was unfair.

"I did the best I could with the cards dealt to me. I was part of a team. If the court decided that was not proper, I accept that," he said.

In a later television interview with the channel 9 network, Conner said he would abide by the umpire's decision, adding that he personally was against any appeal.

"I'm not pleased or happy but I think that's the right thing to do," he said. "The America's Cup should be raced for on the water and not in the courts."

"I think it's high time we get the event back out on the water. That's what the American public would like and that's what the world would like."

Conner said the decision of Supreme Court justice Carmen Ciparick had upheld the spirit of the yachting competition and urged to immediately begin preparations for a defence in 1991.

The judge has very succinctly

spelled out the rules under which the America's Cup is to be raced and put the event back on the top shelf," said Fay, adding he expected "up to 25" challengers for yachting's most famous trophy, including seven from the United States.

The challengers will want to get cracking quickly and we'll be on target by tomorrow," said the Auckland merchant banker.

He said the Mercury Bay Club, as defender, would soon hold talks with the Royal Perth Yacht Club, which has been chosen as the "challenger of record" by the challenging teams.

Fay said he was disappointed there was not a proper contest last September, when the New Zealand monohull challenger was overwhelmed 2-0 by Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes catamaran during the San Diego Yacht Club's defence.

"You go to race and we'd done so much work on that boat. Everyone wanted to see the same sort of boats out there for a real race," he said.

"All New Zealand is excited about it and the challenge now is for us to put on an America's cup we want to compete in and that people will want to watch."

The mood was bitter in San Diego.

"Obviously, we're more than a little surprised," said Tom Mitchell, a spokesman for the America's Cup Organizing Committee. "We're holding out the possibility of an appeal. But we can't comment until we see the decision."

"Michael Fay has always used the judges because he couldn't win on the water," said Brian Bilbrey, head of San Diego America's Cup task force. "Sailors in the water, not attorneys in court, should decide where the cup goes."

"I'm very disappointed with judge Ciparick's ruling," said mayor Maureen O'Connor. "She should have clarified the rules before the race was ever held. I hate to say this decision was politically motivated but we all know the New York Yacht Club wanted the cup to go New Zealand so they could compete for it on foreign soil in 1991... there's no question Michael Fay has the best attorney and the New York Yacht Club the best judge."

NEW YORK, March 29, (AP): A Manhattan judge has disqualified the San Diego Yacht Club as the winner in last year's America's Cup challenge and awarded the international sailing trophy to the defeated New Zealand Club.

The State supreme court justice Carmen Ciparick said San Diego "violated the spirit" of the race by using a 60-foot (18-metre) at the water line.

San Diego's catamaran is the "Stars and Stripes," a multi-hulled boat that is lighter, faster and more maneuverable than the "New Zealand."

Skipped by Dennis Conner, the San Diego crew sailed to easy victory over the Mercury Bay Club in waters off San Diego last September.

Calling the contest a "gross mismatch," the judge ordered the 158-year-old silver cup turned over to the New Zealanders.

Surprised

Tom Mitchell, a spokesman for San Diego, said he was surprised by the ruling and that his group would review the decision and decide what action to take next.

The leader of the New Zealand syndicate, Michael Fay, expressed no such surprise.

"It had to come sooner or later," he said from Wellington, New Zealand. "We were always strong in our belief in what the Cup meant and I think the Cup has come through."

Fay said the America's Cup itself was the real winner and the ruling would be good for the integrity of the event.

In her 14-page decision, the judge said: "The court is mindful that forfeiture is a drastic remedy in the instance of a competition such as the America's Cup, with its large economic significance and prestige."

"Nonetheless, the parties neither seek nor suggest any alternative relief upon the disqualification of a competitor, nor is any alternative relief feasible under the circumstances."

The judge said the 102-year-old deed of gift which governs the race does not specify the size a boat must be or the number of hulls it must have.

But, she said, "the conclusion is inescapable" that George Schuyler, who established the race, "contemplated the defending vessel to relate in some way to the specifications of the challenger."

Therefore, Ciparick said, "It is clear that a catamaran may not

defend an America's Cup competition against a monohull."

The Cup was first won in 1851 by the yacht "America" in a race against several boats of the Royal Yacht Club in England. In 1857, the "America" syndicate deeded the cup to the New York Yacht Club with a trust document establishing the competition and its terms. The deed was revised by Schuyler in 1882 and again in 1887.

The New York group kept the cup for 131 years before losing it to the Royal Perth Yacht Club in 1983 at Newport, Rhode Island.

Won

The San Diego Club, led by Conner, won the America's cup in 1987 in Australia from the Perth Group.

The Mercury Bay Group first came to court in July 1987, arguing they should be allowed to challenge San Diego in a one-on-one race for the Cup in a boat larger than the 12-metre (39.3-foot) yacht that had been used in America's Cup contests since 1956.

San Diego rejected the challenge as invalid because the New Zealanders' boat had not been built when the challenge was issued.

The Fay group also wanted the race held within a year after the Perth contest, an interval less than every three to four years that had been the recent custom.

The trust document only requires a 10-month interval between races and sets no limit for boat length; it also does not require a series of elimination races as there have been for the past several decades.

The judge agreed on Dec 21,

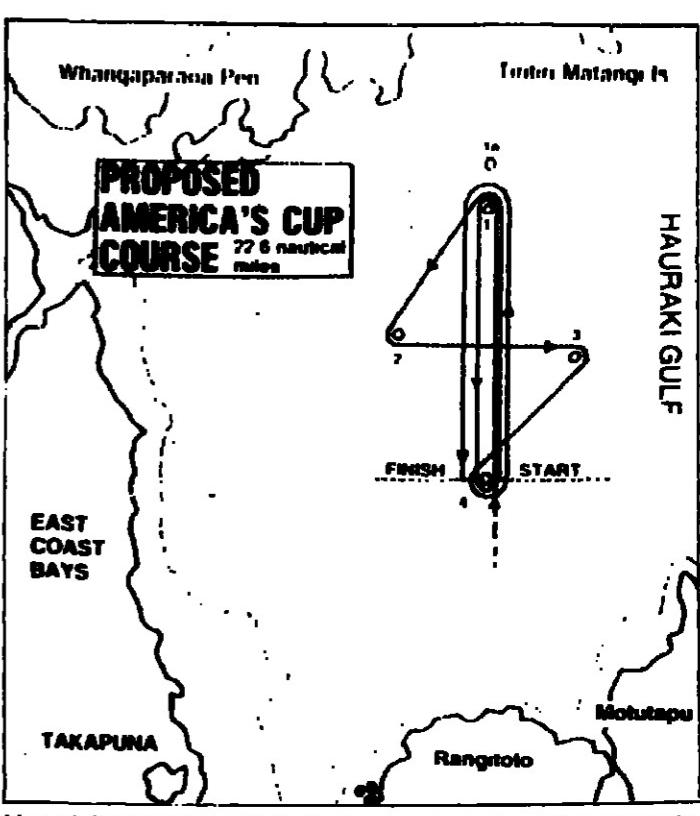
1987, and ordered San Diego to defend the Cup against New Zealand. San Diego was to use the 12-metre boat, which runs about 45 feet (13.7 metres) at the waterline.

But Conner instead decided to use a catamaran. Fay asked the judge to find San Diego in contempt for preparing to sail such a vessel but she refused to bar the catamaran's use.

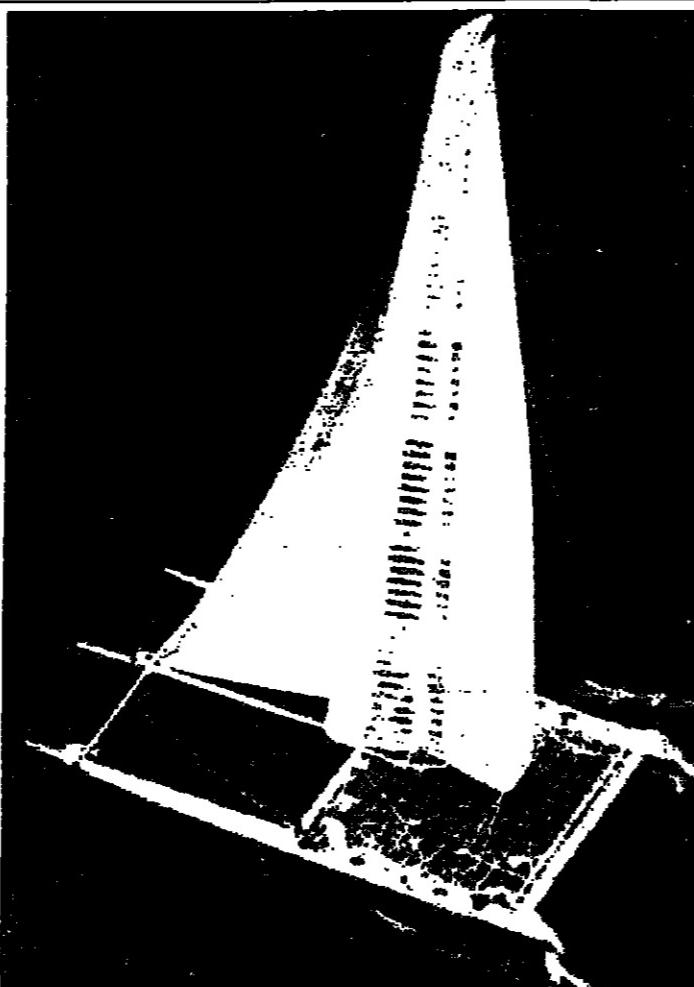
After losing the San Diego race, Fay asked Ciparick to void the result.

"This is not a hollow victory when you see the issues that were at stake," Fay said today. "The real winner is the Cup and its traditions."

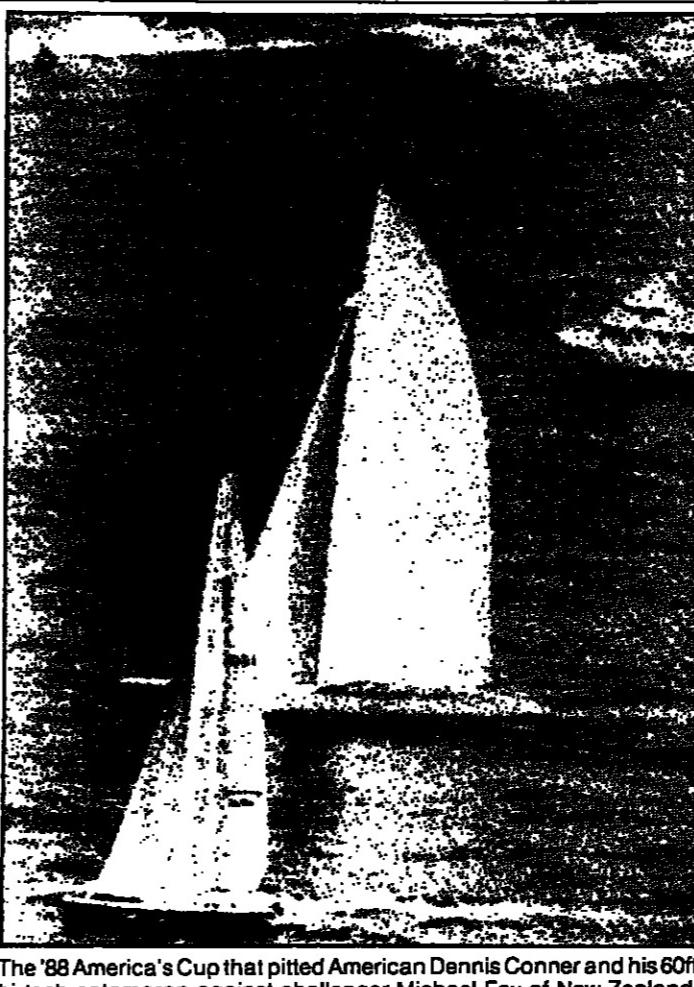
He said the club had not made plans to take physical possession of the cup or decided where it would be displayed.



Map of the proposed course for the America's Cup challenge to be sailed in Auckland in 1991, which was released by the New Zealand Syndicate during a press conference yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



Picture shows the Stars and Stripes, skippered by Dennis Conner. (Reuter wirephoto)



The '88 America's Cup that pitted American Dennis Conner and his 60ft hi-tech catamaran against challenger Michael Fay of New Zealand, and his 132ft monohull sloop (K2-1), shown in this Sept 9 race photo. (Reuter wirephoto)

US loses America's Cup for the second time

NEW YORK, March 29, (AP): The United States has lost the America's Cup only twice in 138 years — once when it was beaten by Australia II in 1983 and yesterday when a judge ordered the trophy forfeited to a New Zealand Yacht Club.

Throughout the years yachting's premier event has seen numerous protests and counter-protests after races, but never anything on the scale of the current feud between the San Diego Yacht Club and New Zealand's Mercury Bay Boating Club.

The winner — for the time being — of the latest contest is merchant banker Michael Fay, even though his aircraft-carrier-like sloop New Zealand was soundly beaten last September by Stars and Stripes, a much smaller catamaran skippered by defending champion Dennis Conner.

The trouble was that Conner's 60-foot (18.3-metre) multi-hulled vessel with its rigid aircraft wing

sail was inherently faster than Fay's 133-foot (40.5-metre) sloop. In essence the catamaran darted along the surface of the water while New Zealand carved through the waves off San Diego.

Foul

Fay cried "foul" and New York state Supreme Court Justice Carmen Ciparick agreed, ruling that San Diego displayed poor sportsmanship in attempting "to retain the Cup at all costs so that it could host a competition on its own terms."

The judge ordered the venerable trophy forfeited to Mercury Bay.

Over the years the huge "J Boats", up to 145 feet (44.2 metres) long, were scaled down, and for about 50 years the 12-metres were accepted class.

Apart from disputes over such issues as the origin of equipment — until recent years everything had to be produced in the country of the challenging boat — the series remained remarkably free of controversy until 1983.

In that year Australia II used a radical new weapon, a winged keel, to wrest the trophy from the

United States for the first time by four races to three.

Conner, the losing skipper, at one time threatened law suits against the Royal Perth Yacht Club boat but dropped his threat, explaining it was not in the spirit of the event to delay the race by legal proceedings.

"That was the first time there had been a change of design that really went to the heart of the competition," Oliver Moore, publishing director of "Yachting" magazine, told Reuters.

"It was the first real breakthrough in challenging the accepted format of the 12-metres and created a new perspective toward design."

The 1987 series off Fremantle saw more revolutionary changes, including rudders in the bow of the ship as well as at the stern, and New Zealand unveiled a fibre-glass boat which many competitors complained was unfair to their aluminium designs.

Court ruling blocks chances of appealing

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, March 29, (Reuter): A New Zealand lawyer who wrested the America's cup from the San Diego Yacht Club in a legal battle said today that the court ruling virtually killed any chance of the Californians appealing.

But Andrew Johns warned that any appeal against New York state court decision to ward yachting's most prestigious trophy to New Zealand could block plans for the next America's Cup regatta in 1991.

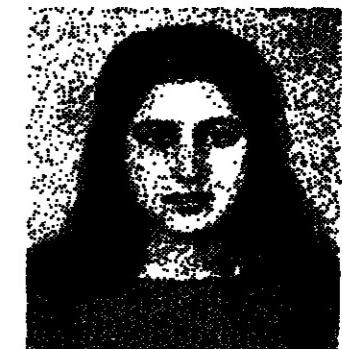
Yesterday, judge Carmen Ciparick ruled that San Diego had violated rules dating from the last century when they entered a catamaran to beat off a challenge from New Zealand's Mercury Bay Boating Club last September.

The decision means the tiny Mercury Bay Boating Club, which doesn't even have a proper club house, gained possession of the cup without ever winning a race.

Appeal

The San Diego Yacht Club said yesterday that it would decide within a few days whether to appeal the decision. The New Zealanders' conventional single-hull boat was outclassed by the catamaran in a race series off San Diego dubbed "the mismatch of the century."

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SPORTS

Romania beat Italy

SIBIU, Romania, March 29. (UPI): Romania beat Italy 1-0 today in a friendly international soccer match played before a capacity 20,000 fans in this small Carpathian mountain town in Transylvania, legendary haunt of the vampire Count Dracula.

Romania's winning goal was scored in the 48th minute — three minutes into the second half — by midfielder Sabau. Sabau fired a shot from the edge of the penalty area which rebounded off an Italian defender. He pounced on the rebound and fired an angled shot past goalkeeper Walter Zinga, Italy's star of the match.

It was the first time in six friendly matches played this season that the young Italian team has failed to win. As host of the 1990 World Cup, Italy does not have to qualify and is playing the series of friendly matches to whet its team into shape.

On Saturday Italy beat Austria 1-0 in Vienna in the other match of this two-game tour.

But the Romanians, as expected, showed fast tackling and forceful play, preventing Italian star Gianluca Vialli and his teammates from weaving their traditional patterns of attack.

Most of the match was battled out in midfield, with both defenses keeping the opposition clear of their penalty areas.

At the outset in bright sunshine, 10 of the Romanian team were from the star Bucharest clubs Steaua and Dinamo.

Spurs deepen Luton's gloom

LONDON, March 29. (Reuter): Tottenham Hotspur plunged Luton deeper into relegation trouble in the English First Division yesterday when they beat the League Cup finalists 3-1 away with a barrage of second half goals.

Luton captain Steve Foster headed the home side into the lead three minutes before the interval but David Howells equalised 10 minutes after the break and two goals in the last nine minutes sealed it for Spurs.

Former Luton striker Paul Walsh made it 2-1 for Spurs from a rebound after Gary Mabbott had crashed a shot against a post and Paul Gascoigne cheekily jinked round Foster to notch the third a minute from the final whistle.

Spurs bottom of the table last November, moved up to seventh but Luton looked in deep trouble after their third consecutive defeat on their own synthetic pitch.

They have 31 points from 31 matches, with two of three clubs below them only one point behind with games in hand.

Chelsea rode their luck to hasten their march back to the First Division one season after relegation by stretching their lead in the Second Division to seven points with a 1-0 win at Ipswich.

Ipswich missed three glorious chances before Gordon Durie scored in the 84th minute to extend Chelsea's unbeaten run to 24 games.

Results

English Division One		
Luton	1	Tottenham
English Division Two		
Ipswich	0	Chelsea
Scottish Division One		
Clyde	0	Partick
Falkirk	2	Ayr
Scottish Division Two		
Dumbarton	2	Montrose

Shivji Bhasin was the guest of



The Governor of the Capital, Sheikh Jaber Abdullah Jaber Al Sabah, (pictured above) is going to patronize the closing ceremony for NEBK's Open tennis tournament on Saturday, April 1, 1989 at Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Over 380 players have participated in one of the most organised tournaments in Kuwait.

The tournament includes 11 official events and three others on an invitation basis. The Ambassador events and the Pro event started yesterday. The tournament is experiencing a tough competition as all the national team players are participating in it. All the final matches will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Sabatini, Sukova and Garrison advance

Chris Evert struggles through to semifinals

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, March 29. (UPI): After more than three hours of inconsistency, Chris Evert found perfection when she needed it.

Evert, 34, had struggled throughout her quarterfinal match against Helen Kelesi at the Lipton International Players Championships, and the third set went to a tie-breaker after Evert failed to hold her serve while leading 5-3.

But that is when the six-time US Open champion found her form. Evert won seven straight points in the tie-breaker to eliminate Kelesi 6-3, 4-6, 7-6(7).

Perfect

"I played a perfect tie-breaker, but not a perfect match," Evert said.

She double-faulted 10 times and held only eight of 15 service games. But against Kelesi, 19, of Canada, Evert was able to overcome those imperfections and win the three-hour, 17-minute match.

"I was in trouble, the third set especially," she said. "This is one of those matches where you just guts it out."

There was no men's singles play yesterday. The men's quarterfinal matches will be played today, with Ivan Lendl playing Aaron Krickstein, Kevin Curren facing Emilio Sanchez, Yannick Noah going against Carl-Uwe Steeb, and Thomas Muster facing Jim Grabb.

In a match that ended at 1:50 am yesterday, Grabb defeated Alberto Mancini 6-7(3-7), 6-4, 7-6(7-5), 6-7(4-7), 6-4.

Kelesi, ranked 14th in the world and the 11th seed, admitted that just prior to the tie-breaker, she was overwhelmed

by the prospect of beating Evert. "When it's 6-6 and you're playing Chris Evert and it's the quarterfinals, those little things kind of get into your head," Kelesi said. "It (the loss) is a little bit of a let-down. I feel I played a great match."

Fought

"I played Chris twice before and it's never been close. But after a match like that, you can't help but let a few tears roll out. It was a long match and I fought my guts out."

Kelesi began the match with an inflamed right ankle, and injured her left ankle in the fifth game of the third set, but the injury did not slow her down on the court.

"I thought she ran like a deer the whole match," Evert said.

Both Evert and Sabatini had their matches interrupted by a rain delay of approximately one hour, and Evert said the delay had a negative effect on her game.

"I felt like I was in control of the match before," the delay, Evert said. "I need to get out there and run around and get the blood flowing. That's one area

when you get older, you feel stiff and need to be moving around."

Garrison, 25, of Houston, played a strong third set to beat Novotna, a Czech who had upset Pam Shriver to reach the quarterfinals.

"I started coming in (to the net) and my shots started falling," said Garrison, a former baseliner who now prefers to serve and volley. "I think also in the third set, I got some shots back she didn't expect. That kind of broke her back."

Sabatini breezed through her first set, then broke Demongeot at love in the final game to win their match.

"I had a very good first set," Sabatini said. "In the second set, she started serving better, and that's why it was so hard to win."

Demongeot, ranked 42nd, was playing in the quarterfinals of a 128-draw tournament for the first time.

Sabatini will be playing in the semifinals for the first time in her five years at the tournament.

"I'm getting closer," she said. "I think I'm playing really well, with confidence."



Evert beats Kelesi

Cavaliers score record win

NEW YORK, March 29. (AP): Ron Harper scored 15 of his 26 points during a Cleveland rally late in the third quarter and the Cavaliers reached the 50-victory mark for the first time in their 19 NBA seasons by defeating the Dallas Mavericks 102-90 last night.

Mark Price added 21 points as Cleveland won for the 32nd time in 35 home games.

Spurt

Dallas led 58-53 with 6:32 remaining in the third quarter. Then Harper led a 26-11 Cleveland spurt for a 79-79 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Larry Nance, who became the 150th NBA player to score 10,000 points, had eight points in the third quarter.

Derek Harper had 20 points for Dallas, which played without Adrian Dantley, who has a sore right knee.

In other NBA action, it was New Jersey 111, Atlanta 108; Philadelphia 117, Boston 115; New York 128, Portland 124; Chicago 115, Golden State 106; Houston 120, Seattle 117; San Antonio 130, Washington 114; and Phoenix 127, Los Angeles Lakers 104.

Nets 111, Hawks 108

Roy Hinson scored six of his 25

points in the last two minutes as New Jersey snapped a 10-game losing streak overall and a 16-game losing streak against Atlanta.

76ers 117, Celtics 115

Charles Barkley had 27 points and Hersey Hawkins scored eight of his 21 in overtime. Boston's Reggie Lewis scored a career-high 39 points and Brian Shaw had 18 points and 14 rebounds but the Celtics fell 21-2 games behind second-place Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division.

Knicks 128, Trail Blazers 124

Mark Jackson had 27 points, 10 rebounds and 12 assists and Kiki Vandeweghe scored 24 points in his first game against his former Portland teammates. Vandeweghe, acquired from the Trail Blazers Feb. 23 for a first-round draft pick, had his most productive game for the Knicks.

Bulls 115, Warriors 106

Michael Jordan had his sixth triple-double of the season and scored 14 of his 33 points in the final quarter last night as Chicago won its fifth consecutive game. Jordan had 12 rebounds and 11 assists. He made a pair of short jumpers during a 12-3 fourth-quarter spurt that gave the Bulls a 103-88 lead.

With a draw the obvious outcome, Marsh continued to find the gaps and reached 105 not out.

He became the first player to score a century in both innings of the final and was also the first Western Australian to score 150 in both innings of a Shield match.

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